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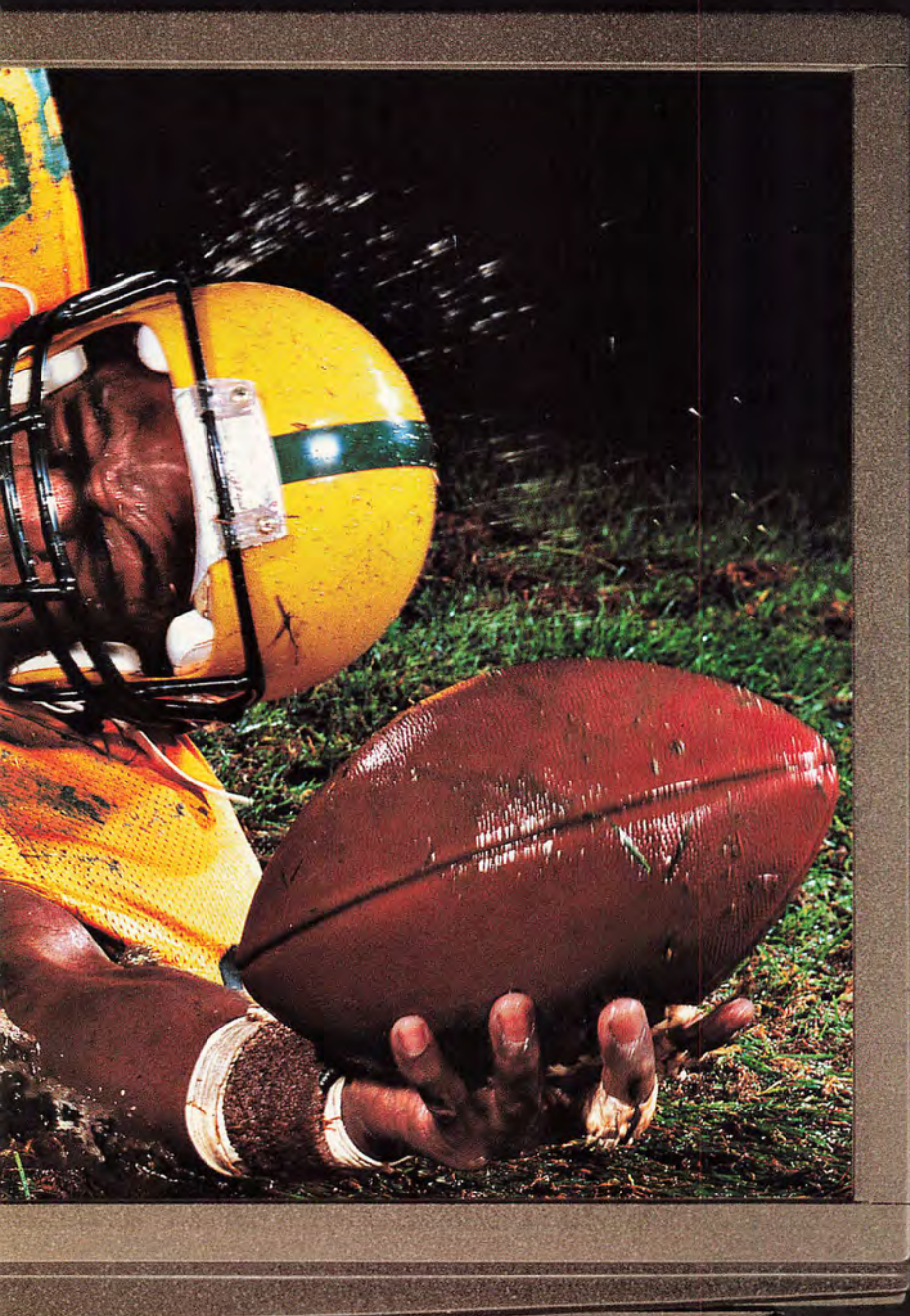


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Editor's Letter

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But we do see a need to honor teams for excellence in particular facets of the game. Who has the best offensive line in college football? The best defensive line? Secondary?

Our staff has assessed each unit on each Division I team and ranked those units conference by conference. So without further ado:

The Athlon Award goes to. . .

Look to your right and you'll see the national winners. Check the conference predictions for the conference winners. And for some national perspective, check out our National College Football edition, where we list the Top 5 units at each position.

The teams with the best units in each conference are noted with the trophy at left, which is pictured inside the team preview.

Last year we predicted every game for each team as part of our team previews. It proved to be a big hit with our readers, so for those of you who are eager to prove us wrong, start predicting. (Go ahead, we dare you.) You will find our projections for each

team's record with wins, losses and swing games on the Back Page.

You can follow our progress throughout the season on our web site — www.athlonsports.com. Also, we will draw the line on swing games each week. Visit the web site to see how we call each swing game this season.

We know there will be a few upsets; there always are. And what would college football be without surprises? But we have identified the teams most likely to be left standing to enjoy the Rose Parade in January.

Last season millions of tickets sold for a minimum of \$20. Millions more were spent on shirts, caps and other souvenirs showing team loyalty. More than 30 games were televised regionally or nationally every Saturday. Fans traveled hundreds of miles every weekend to show their support. Millions were donated to schools' athletic funds. Why all the fuss over a game played by 20-year-olds?

As fans and members of the media, we all understand the importance of winning football games. But how is it that we allow young men, many of them still teenagers, to be pressured to perform in such an environment?

Well, in a way the kids ask for it.

The decision to play college football is an easy choice for talented youngsters. Where to play? That's the tough question. High school seniors, most of them 18 years old, must make that important, life-changing decision under the scrutiny of the entire sports world.

We followed the recruiting process for one such scholar-athlete, Ingle Martin. From attending summer camps, to the endless phone calls and pitches from eager recruiters in the fall, to the ultimate decision in February — the recruiting game has become a national spectacle with recruiting analysts, talk shows and fans following the February

Who's the Best?

QBs. . .Texas

RBs. . .Oregon State

TE/WRs. . .Florida

O-Line. . .Miami

D-Line. . .Tennessee

LBs. . .Michigan

DBs. . .Miami

sweepstakes as closely as they follow the regular season in November.

Some kids handle this process better than others. Find out how Martin survived the process in *Decision of a Lifetime*, written by our own Senior Editor Rob Doster, starting on page 26.

We wanted to know what was on the minds of some of the best coaches in the land. We gathered the thoughts of 13 top coaches on subjects such as paying players, recruiting, their favorite memories of coaching and how they would run the NCAA. Phillip Fulmer, Bob Davie, Bobby Bowden, Frank Beamer and Tommy Bowden are just a few of the best minds in college football who were kind enough to share their thoughts with us in Athlon's *Coaches Roundtable* on page 18.

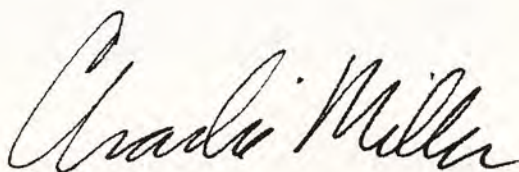
Our four stories last year on members of the Class of 1980 met with such fanfare, we decided to continue the annual series with four more All-Americans. Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers shares his story, as do Jarvis Redwine, Ken Margerum and Ron Simmons. We found a professional wrestler, a receivers coach at Cal, an assistant high school football and baseball coach and an administrator at his alma mater. Interesting stories all, but I have just one question: How does an All-American from Stanford end up at Cal? What's up with that?

Let us know what stories you would like to see next year from the Class of 1982. We can be reached at editor@athlonsports.com.

Visit our web site and e-mail us with any thoughts on our predictions, the Athlon Awards, the coaches Roundtable, the Class of '82 or anything else on your mind. Remember, for us to take any comments about predictions seriously, we must hear from you prior to the season.

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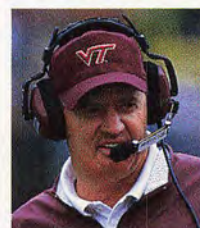
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XTRA Points

By Tony Barnhart

Greetings, gentle students. I am your humble professor and my task today is to enlighten you on that which matters most about football, the college version, on this, the dawn of the first season of the new millennium.

(And don't give me that crap that the 2000 season kicked off the 21st century or I'll deflate this football and feed it to you for lunch. Learn to read a calendar, dude!)

But I digress.

Today's lesson: What do Al Gore and the University of Miami have in common? It's really very simple.

Just as Gore supporters remain convinced that a bunch of crummy voting machines and a right-wing Supreme Court cost their boy the presidency, Miami is still likewise convinced that the BCS formula cost the Hurricanes a shot at Oklahoma for the 2000 national championship.

Miami beat Florida State on the field (27-24) on Oct. 7, but when the BCS computers spit out the final numbers on Dec. 3, the Seminoles got the invite to the Orange Bowl. And it didn't help Miami's mood even a little bit when Florida State basically got their Seminole fannies kicked, 13-2, in ProPlayer Stadium, just up the road from Coral Gables.

Hurricane coach Butch Davis was so depressed by it all that he was forced to leave Miami and go work for the Cleveland Browns for the miserly sum of \$3 million per year.

This, however, we also know: Both groups of fans can continue to complain

until their pregnant chads become old and dimpled; the results will not change. George Bush will reside at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue for the next three-plus years and Oklahoma will continue to reign as college football's national champion.

But can we learn from it, dear students and lovers of college football? I think you know the answer. Yes, we can, but we must have the courage to change.

That is why I am here. I can help. Here is what you need to know.

Last season it finally dawned on the college football intelligentsia that you can't preach sportsmanship on one hand and on the other hand have a BCS formula that encourages running up the score.

"I'm just not sure we're sending the right message," says ACC Commissioner John Swofford, the reigning godfather of the BCS. "There's the sportsmanship factor, but there is also the potential injury factor when you keep your best players in the game because you need more points. There's something inherently wrong with that."

So Swofford, himself a former North Carolina quarterback, asked that the margin of victory component be taken out of the eight computer polls which make up one-fourth of the BCS formula. Now everybody involved knows that this revision might change absolutely nothing in the final BCS standings. But at least folks couldn't charge college football for talking out of both sides of its mouth — on this issue, at least.

It was a simple request, to be sure, but some of the computer pollsters acted like Swofford had threatened to take away their pocket protectors. Some refused to change, believing that the mere suggestion diminished the integrity of their efforts.

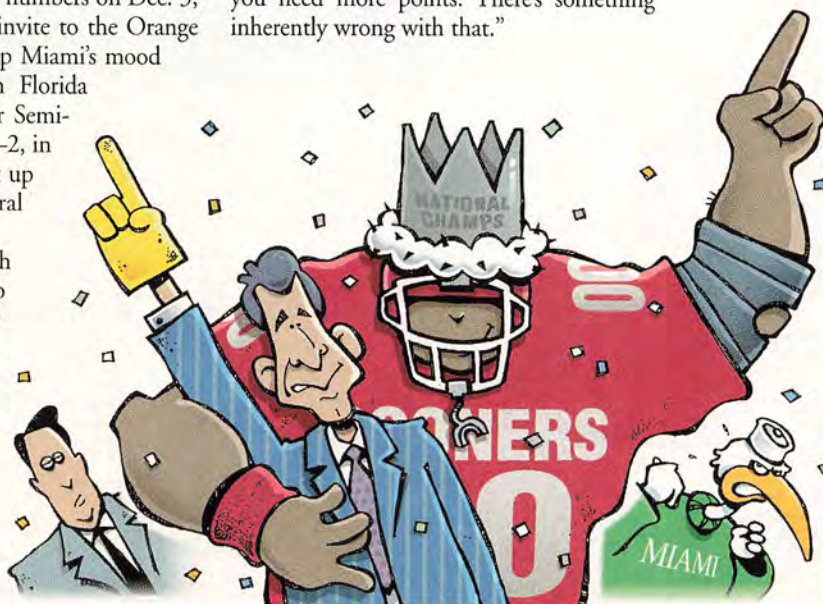
This, of course, raises the obvious question:

"Who died and left the geeks in charge?"

Let's be brutally honest here. The computer polls have always been *the* problem with the BCS formula. The fans don't understand them and therefore they don't trust them. The fans understand *The Associated Press* (media) and *ESPN/USA Today* (coaches) opinion polls. They may not agree with them. They may think the coaches and media who vote on them are stupid and corrupt. But they understand them. They also understand schedule strength and won-loss records. Pretty basic stuff.

The fans don't understand the computer polls for one fundamental reason: They don't make sense.

In last year's final BCS standings, for example, No. 4 Washington (10-1) was rated as high as No. 2





and as low as No. 11 by the computers. Three of the computers had Washington ranked eighth or lower. Gee, just think what would have happened if they hadn't been the only team on the planet to beat Miami?

Some tried to place the blame on a Miami schedule that included I-AA McNeese State, but in fact, the difference in schedule strength between Miami and Florida State was exactly four one-hundredths (.04) of a point. The real problem for Miami was that five computer polls had once-beaten (by Miami) Florida State No. 1 over undefeated Oklahoma. In a formula where tenths of a point may mean the difference in playing for a national title, the computers gave Florida State a whopping advantage of 1.28. As Ricky Ricardo often said to Lucy, "Can you 'splain that to me?"

So today we offer two suggestions, completely free of charge.

One, don't just adjust the computer polls, say goodbye to them completely because, in the final analysis, they are more trouble than they are worth. Eliminating the computers would do two things: 1) It would bring some clarity to the BCS process, which it desperately needs to maintain credibility, and 2) it would make the strength of schedule component one-third instead of one-fourth of the equation, which would be a very good thing. The best by-product that has come out of the entire BCS process is the knowledge that, all else being equal, a ridiculously easy non-conference schedule can cost a team a shot at the national championship.

If you had told Butch Davis last December that the reason he didn't play in the Orange Bowl was because he scheduled McNeese State, a Division I-AA team, Davis still wouldn't like it, but he would understand it and could actually do something about it in the future. What he will never understand was why, after beating Florida

credit for beating a team head-to-head when a berth in the national championship game is on the line. This concept only comes into play if the teams ranked second and third in the final BCS standings met during the regular season. The loser of that head-to-head game will have an additional 0.5 points added to their total — not as bad as another loss, which counts a full point — but still a reward for the team that won on the field.

Under that scenario, Miami would have moved past Florida State into the No. 2 spot and would have played in the Orange Bowl against Oklahoma.

Make those two changes and the BCS Standings will not only be fairer, but the public will perceive them to be fairer. Right now, both are important.

And here, ladies and gentlemen, is the final thing you should know as we prepare to embark on another college football season:

On Jan. 3, 2002, the damndest traffic jam in the history of mankind will take place in Pasadena just prior to the Rose Bowl, this year's designated national championship game. It will be two days after the precious Rose Bowl Parade and everybody will be back at work. Kickoff will come around 8 p.m., Eastern time, just when things are getting interesting on the L.A. freeways. Our advice: Have breakfast at the Rose Bowl and just stay until kickoff.

Just who will play in the Rose Bowl?

Let's go with Florida vs. Oklahoma in a matchup of two coaching buddies, Steve Spurrier and Bob Stoops. The Gators were the SEC champs last year with an extremely young team and after last year, I'm not picking against Oklahoma again until they lose.

This much we will pray for with all the fiber in our being: That there will be no Big Ten or Pac-10 team in Pasadena, which will make the Rose Bowl officials wearing those silly white suits absolutely apoplectic. Such fun!

State on the field, all eight computers had his Hurricanes ranked below the Seminoles. You can fix a schedule, but how in the world do you satisfy a computer? If your answer is "by beating the hell out of everybody you play," then you have just validated my suggestion.

Two, a team should receive

With all that having been said, dear students, let's get down to business.

KEEP YOUR EYE ON

Mark Richt, Georgia

After tutoring a pair of Heisman Trophy winners (Chris Weinke and Charlie Ward) and a host of other NFL quarterbacks at Florida State, Richt gets his first shot as a head coach. The Bulldogs have won 40 games the past five seasons and still have a lot of talent on hand.

Ralph Friedgen, Maryland

The guy has one of the best offensive minds in football and it took him forever to become a head coach. It will take some time to accumulate the necessary talent to run his sophisticated offense, but Friedgen will win. You can mark that down.

Brock Berlin, Florida

Redshirt freshman quarterback Rex Grossman led the Gators to an SEC championship last season, but then was suspended for spring practice due to some academic shortcomings. That opened the door for Berlin, one of the nation's top prospects two falls ago, who wowed coach Steve Spurrier in spring ball. Don't be stunned if Berlin starts the opener and the quarterback follies continue in Mr. Spurrier's neighborhood.

Temple

The Owls are getting tossed from the Big East because they are simply not pulling their weight. They are 9-58 in Big East play since joining the league in 1991. Their average attendance last season was 18,612. Television won't come near the place, but the school still gets its regular cut of the TV money. So the Owls are outta here. But don't be surprised if Bobby Wallace and the boys make some noise on their way out the door. Temple will be pretty good on defense. Look for an upset or two.

Ken Simonton, Oregon State

Only four backs in NCAA Division I history have rushed for 1,000 yards in four consecutive seasons: Tony Dorsett (Pittsburgh), Amos Lawrence (North Carolina), Dennis Manns (New Mexico), and Ron Dayne (Wisconsin). Simonton, who has 4,073 yards in three seasons, will become the fourth.

FEARLESS PREDICTIONS

Don't hold me to it, but sooner or later most of this stuff will happen in 2001.

By winning a national championship at Oklahoma in only his second year as a head coach, Bob Stoops has basically ruined it for everybody. You remember that basic speech given by every first-year coach:

"Now folks, it may take a few years to get where we want to go, but remember, we're building a program here! We're in it for the long haul!"

Well, you can forget about that, bubba!

The new mantra of the 21st century athletics director is as follows:

"You want a million a year to coach ball? Fine! You got one year to get organized. If Stoops can do it, you can too."

After losing 14 starters and 25 seniors, including Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke, a disaster is looming at Florida State. Of course at Florida State, 9-2 is considered a disaster. In jeopardy, however, is FSU's 14-year streak of winning 10 or more games and finishing in the Top Five.

But don't write off the Seminoles as a national contender just yet, said coach Bobby Bowden. "It's kind of fun when people think you're going to drop off," says Bowden who, at 71, still has that twinkle in his eye. "It makes the coaches work a little harder."

It says here that the Seminoles will go 10-1, losing to Florida in Gainesville in the regular-season finale.

USC quarterback Carson Palmer will finally realize his potential under new offensive coordinator Norm Chow. Chow, the former guru at BYU, took a true freshman at NC State (Philip Rivers) and worked wonders last season. After just one year in Raleigh, he's returned to the West and will also breathe some life into the Trojans' offense.

The NCAA approved

all of those "preseason" games (at last count there will be about 300 of them in August) because they are laying the groundwork for a permanent 12-game regular season in the future. Under current legislation, everybody can play a 12-game schedule in 2002 and 2003, because there are 14 Saturdays between Sept. 1 and Dec. 1. For some schools, an additional home game represents a payday of over \$1 million. Athletic directors and their straining budgets will be hard-pressed to do without that cash when 2004 rolls around and it's time to go back to the old schedule. The 11-game schedule has been in place since 1971.

ABC will miss the SEC Championship game, which it has been televising since the game's inception in 1992. This year the SEC Championship will be on CBS. But this year at least, ABC will be happy with its replacement. The network will pay Oregon and Oregon State \$600,000 each to move the 105th "Civil War" from Nov. 17 to Dec. 1.

Senior quarterback Phil Petty led South Carolina to a memorable 8-4 season and an Outback Bowl victory over Ohio State. But Petty will eventually have to share time this season with Dondrial Pinkins, a redshirt freshman from Camilla, Ga. Pinkins, 6'3", 215, could be another Tony Rice, who led Holtz's 1988 Notre Dame team to the national championship. Pinkins' brother, Al, was a great high school quarterback who went on to play basketball at NC State.

With Michael Bennett gone to the NFL and with his best back, Broderick Williams, recovering from a knee injury, look for Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez to (GASP!) employ the spread offense at times in order to move the ball with some consistency. See, I told the Big Ten that the league would go to hell if they let Joe Tiller come to Purdue.

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Guys who have to replace high-profile quarterbacks.

Grant Noel, Virginia Tech

For two years Tech offensive coordinator Ricky Bustle had Superman, a.k.a, Michael Vick, as his quarterback. With Vick, Bustle admits that he could just make up stuff and know that it would probably work. Now Bustle has to go back to diagramming plays for mere mortal Grant Noel, who has toiled in absolute obscurity for three years.



John Navarre, Michigan

Some people think Michigan has no shot at the Big Ten title because Drew Henson took the Yankees' \$17 million. For the record, Navarre started four games last season, completing almost 51 percent of his passes for eight TDs and only one interception.

Brandon Hance, Purdue

Hance, a redshirt freshman, was the only scholarship quarterback in camp in the spring, so he enters preseason camp as the likely successor to Drew Brees.

Nate Hybl, Oklahoma

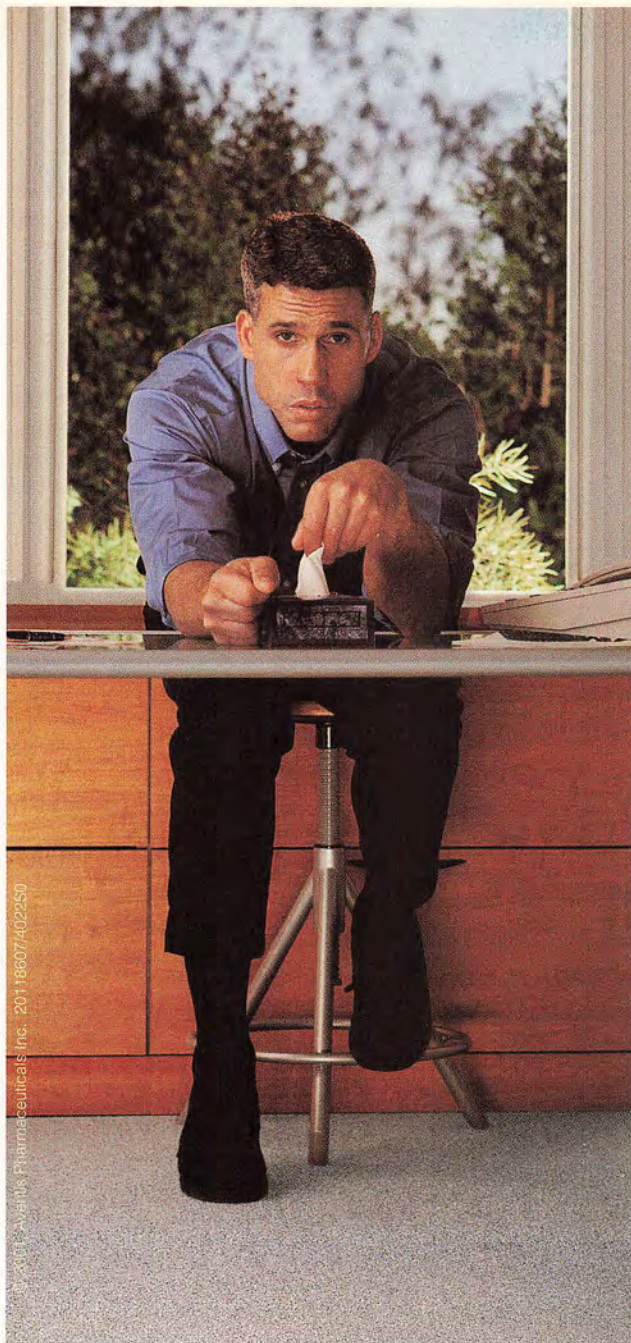
Josh Heupel set the standard for all future Sooner quarterbacks and won a national championship. Hybl was going to be the next great Georgia quarterback until Quincy Carter arrived in 1998 and Hybl booked it for Norman. He's big and strong.

Chris Rix, Florida State

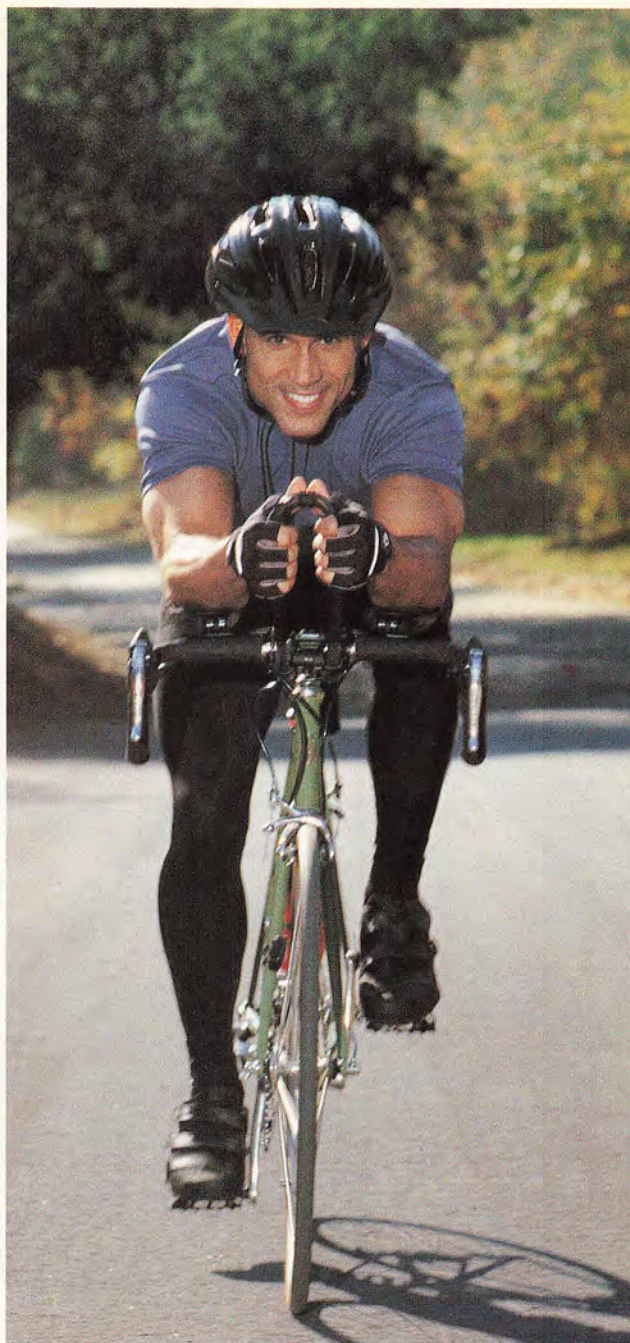
Not only is Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke gone, but so is offensive coordinator Mark Richt, now the head coach at Georgia. Rix has an arm, but he has no experience. He'll get pushed by Anquan Boldin.

Taylor Barton, Washington

If Barton beats out Cody Pickett and gets the job of replacing Marques Tuiasosopo, he will have earned it. He originally committed to Colorado but wanted to follow coach Rick Neuheisel to Washington. Neuheisel eventually had to give up two scholarships to bring Barton from City College of San Francisco.



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INDICATIONS AND USAGE

Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis

ALLEGRA is indicated for the relief of symptoms associated with seasonal allergic rhinitis in adults and children 6 years of age and older. Symptoms treated effectively were sneezing, rhinorrhea, itchy nose/palate/throat, itchy/watery/eyes.

Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria

ALLEGRA is indicated for treatment of uncomplicated skin manifestations of chronic idiopathic urticaria in adults and children 6 years of age and older. It significantly reduces pruritus and the number of wheals.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

ALLEGRA is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any of its ingredients.

PRECAUTIONS

Drug Interaction with Erythromycin and Ketoconazole

Fexofenadine hydrochloride has been shown to exhibit minimal (ca. 5%) metabolism. However, co-administration of fexofenadine hydrochloride with ketoconazole and erythromycin led to increased plasma levels of fexofenadine hydrochloride. Fexofenadine hydrochloride had no effect on the pharmacokinetics of erythromycin and ketoconazole. In two separate studies, fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg twice daily (two times the recommended twice daily dose) was co-administered with erythromycin 500 mg every 8 hours or ketoconazole 400 mg once daily under steady-state conditions to normal, healthy volunteers (n=24, each study). No differences in adverse events or QTc interval were observed when patients were administered fexofenadine hydrochloride alone or in combination with erythromycin or ketoconazole. The findings of these studies are summarized in the following table:

Effects on steady-state fexofenadine hydrochloride pharmacokinetics after 7 days of co-administration with fexofenadine hydrochloride 120 mg every 12 hours (two times the recommended twice daily dose) in normal volunteers (n=24)

Concomitant Drug	C _{max} SS (Peak plasma concentration)	AUC _{0-12h} (Extent of systemic exposure)
Erythromycin (500 mg every 8 hrs)	+82%	+109%
Ketoconazole (400 mg once daily)	+135%	+164%

The changes in plasma levels were within the range of plasma levels achieved in adequate and well-controlled clinical trials.

The mechanism of these interactions has been evaluated *in vitro*, *in situ*, and *in vivo* animal models. These studies indicate that ketoconazole or erythromycin co-administration enhances fexofenadine gastrointestinal absorption. *In vivo* animal studies also suggest that in addition to increasing absorption, ketoconazole decreases fexofenadine hydrochloride gastrointestinal secretion, while erythromycin may also decrease biliary excretion.

Drug Interactions with Antacids

Administration of 120 mg of fexofenadine hydrochloride (2 x 60 mg capsule) within 15 minutes of an aluminum and magnesium containing antacid (Maalox®) decreased fexofenadine AUC by 41% and C_{max} by 43%. ALLEGRA should not be taken closely in time with aluminum and magnesium containing antacids.

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility

The carcinogenic potential and reproductive toxicity of fexofenadine hydrochloride were assessed using terfenadine studies with adequate fexofenadine hydrochloride exposure (based on plasma area-under-the-concentration vs. time [AUC] values). No evidence of carcinogenicity was observed in an 18-month study in mice and in a 24-month study in rats at oral doses up to 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were respectively approximately 3 and 5 times the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and children). In *in vitro* (Bacterial Reverse Mutation, CHO/HGPRT Forward Mutation, and Rat Lymphocyte Chromosomal Aberration assays) and *in vivo* (Mouse Bone Marrow Micronucleus assay) tests, fexofenadine hydrochloride revealed no evidence of mutagenicity.

In rat fertility studies, dose-related reductions in implants and increases in postimplantation losses were observed at an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (which led to fexofenadine hydrochloride exposures that were approximately 3 times the exposure of the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults).

Pregnancy

Teratogenic Effects: Category C. There was no evidence of teratogenicity in rats or rabbits at oral doses of terfenadine up to 300 mg/kg (which led to fexofenadine exposures that were approximately 4 and 31 times, respectively, the exposure from the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine in adults).

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Fexofenadine should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus.

Nonteratogenic Effects. Dose-related decreases in pup weight gain and survival were observed in rats exposed to an oral dose of 150 mg/kg of terfenadine (approximately 3 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults based on comparison of fexofenadine hydrochloride AUCs).

Nursing Mothers

There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in women during lactation. Because many drugs are excreted in human milk, caution should be exercised when fexofenadine hydrochloride is administered to a nursing woman.

Pediatric Use

The recommended dose in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adults and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended doses.

The safety of ALLEGRA tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily has been demonstrated in 438 pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age in two placebo-controlled 2-week seasonal allergic rhinitis trials. The safety of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on cross-study comparison of the pharmacokinetics of ALLEGRA in adult and pediatric patients and on the safety profile of fexofenadine in both adult and pediatric patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose.

The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of seasonal allergic rhinitis in patients 6 to 11 years of age was demonstrated in one trial (n=411) in which ALLEGRA tablets 30 mg twice daily significantly reduced total symptom scores compared to placebo, along with extrapolation of demonstrated efficacy in patients ages 12 years and above, and the pharmacokinetic comparisons in adults and children. The effectiveness of ALLEGRA for the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on an extrapolation of the demonstrated efficacy of ALLEGRA in adults with this condition and the likelihood that the disease course, pathophysiology and the drug's effect are substantially similar in children to that of adult patients.

The safety and effectiveness of ALLEGRA in pediatric patients under 6 years of age have not been established.

Geriatric Use

Clinical studies of ALLEGRA tablets and capsules did not include sufficient numbers of subjects aged 65 years and over to determine whether this population responds differently from younger patients. Other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the geriatric and younger patients. This drug is known to be substantially excreted by the kidney, and the risk of toxic reactions to this drug may be greater in patients with impaired renal function. Because elderly patients are more likely to have decreased renal function, care should be taken in dose selection, and may be useful to monitor renal function. (See CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY).

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Seasonal Allergic Rhinitis

Adults. In placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in patients 12 years of age and older, which included 2461 patients receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride capsules at doses of 20 mg to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. All adverse events that were reported by greater than 1% of patients who received the recommended daily dose of fexofenadine hydrochloride (60 mg capsules twice daily), and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo, are listed in Table 1.

In a placebo-controlled clinical study in the United States, which included 570 patients aged 12 years and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 120 or 180 mg once daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 1 also lists adverse experiences that were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 180 mg once daily and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo.

The incidence of adverse events, including drowsiness, was not dose-related and was similar across subgroups defined by age, gender, and race.

Table 1

Adverse experiences in patients ages 12 years and older reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis clinical trials in the United States
Twice daily dosing with fexofenadine capsules at rates of greater than 1%

Adverse experience	Fexofenadine 60 mg Twice Daily (n=679)	Placebo Twice Daily (n=671)
Viral infection (cold, flu)	2.5%	1.5%
Nausea	1.6%	1.5%
Dysmenorrhea	1.5%	0.3%
Drowsiness	1.3%	0.9%
Dyspepsia	1.3%	0.6%
Fatigue	1.3%	0.9%

Once daily dosing with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	Fexofenadine 180 mg once daily (n=283)	Placebo (n=293)
Headache	10.6%	7.5%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	3.2%	3.1%
Back Pain	2.8%	1.4%

The frequency and magnitude of laboratory abnormalities were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients.

Pediatric. Table 2 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 6 to 11 years of age which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at a dose of 30 mg twice daily in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in the United States and Canada that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo.

Table 2

Adverse experiences reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies in pediatric patients ages 6 to 11 in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	Fexofenadine 30 mg twice daily (n=209)	Placebo (n=229)
Headache	7.2%	6.6%
Accidental Injury	2.9%	1.3%
Coughing	3.8%	1.3%
Fever	2.4%	0.9%
Pain	2.4%	0.4%
Otitis Media	2.4%	0.0%
Upper Respiratory Tract Infection	4.3%	1.7%

Chronic Idiopathic Urticaria

Adverse events reported by patients 12 years of age and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies were similar to those reported in placebo-controlled seasonal allergic rhinitis studies. In placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria clinical trials, which included 726 patients 12 years of age and older receiving fexofenadine hydrochloride tablets at doses of 20 to 240 mg twice daily, adverse events were similar in fexofenadine hydrochloride and placebo-treated patients. Table 3 lists adverse experiences in patients aged 12 years and older which were reported by greater than 2% of patients treated with fexofenadine hydrochloride 60 mg tablets twice daily in controlled clinical studies in the United States and Canada and that were more common with fexofenadine hydrochloride than placebo. The safety of fexofenadine hydrochloride in the treatment of chronic idiopathic urticaria in pediatric patients 6 to 11 years of age is based on the safety profile of fexofenadine hydrochloride in adults and adolescent patients at doses equal to or higher than the recommended dose (see Pediatric Use).

Table 3

Adverse experiences reported in patients 12 years and older in placebo-controlled chronic idiopathic urticaria studies in the United States and Canada at rates of greater than 2%

Adverse experience	Fexofenadine 60 mg twice daily (n=186)	Placebo (n=178)
Back Pain	2.2%	1.1%
Sinusitis	2.2%	1.1%
Dizziness	2.2%	0.6%
Drowsiness	2.2%	0.0%

OVERDOSAGE

Reports of fexofenadine hydrochloride overdose have been infrequent and contain limited information. However, dizziness, drowsiness, and dry mouth have been reported. Single doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 800 mg (six normal volunteers at this dose level), and doses up to 690 mg twice daily for 1 month (three normal volunteers at this dose level) or 240 mg once daily for 1 year (234 normal volunteers at this dose level) were administered without the development of clinically significant adverse events as compared to placebo.

In the event of overdose, consider standard measures to remove any unabsorbed drug. Symptomatic and supportive treatment is recommended.

Hemodialysis did not effectively remove fexofenadine hydrochloride from blood (1.7% removed) following terfenadine administration.

No deaths occurred at oral doses of fexofenadine hydrochloride up to 5000 mg/kg in mice (110 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 200 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²) and up to 5000 mg/kg in rats (230 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 400 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²). Additionally, no clinical signs of toxicity or gross pathological findings were observed. In dogs, no evidence of toxicity was observed at oral doses up to 2000 mg/kg (300 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in adults and 530 times the maximum recommended daily oral dose in children based on mg/m²).

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THE TOP FIVE "WHY'S"

We want to know why:

- USC hired Pete Carroll, who has not coached in a college football game in 17 years. Part of the reason, we hear, was that neither Mike Bellotti nor Dennis Erickson wanted to work for Mike Garrett, USC's enigmatic athletics director.

- Indiana coach Cam Cameron is moving quarterback Antwaan Randle El to wide receiver. With 69 yards rushing and 195 passing, Randle El would become the first player in college football history to pass for 6,000 yards and rush for 3,000 yards in a career. Still, Cameron has to try something with a 13-31 record in four seasons.

- Texas quarterback Major Applewhite, who was the Big 12 co-Offensive Player of the Year in 1999, will be hard-pressed to get on the field in 2001. Coach Mack Brown has finally decided that the two-quarterback system doesn't work. For all of Applewhite's intangibles, Simms is one of the most gifted athletes in the college game.

- LSU had the nation's best recruiting class even though Nick Saban has been head coach in Baton Rouge for only a year. It probably has something to do with the Tigers' new recruiting coordinator, Derek Dooley. He is the son of Vince Dooley, Georgia's Hall of Fame coach.

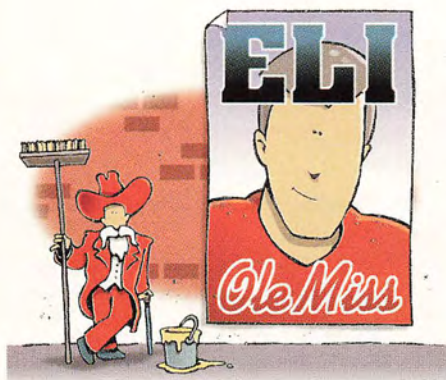
- Alabama fans are very nervous. A lot has happened in Tuscaloosa since this time last year and very little of it was good. First, a team that was supposed to win the SEC went 3-8, Mike DuBose got fired after being named the SEC Coach of the Year in 1999 and the NCAA launched an investigation into alleged recruiting violations. Among the issues on the table: A claim by a high school coach in Memphis that somebody paid another high school coach \$200,000 to steer defensive tackle Albert Means to Alabama. Every now and then the NCAA makes an example of a program as a shot across the bow to make everybody else clean up their act. It could be Alabama's turn in the barrel.



ELI'S COMING

Here is why David Cutcliffe of Ole Miss is a very good football coach. This time last year Cutcliffe had two very good and very popular quarterbacks — senior Romaro Miller, set to begin his third year as a starter, and redshirt freshman Eli Manning, son of Archie, brother of Peyton. When it comes to Southern football icons, there ain't never been two bigger than Archie and Peyton.

As good as Miller was, Cutcliffe knew that the first time Eli got into a game and did something really good, the Ole Miss faithful — pining for an Archie flashback — would create a quarterback controversy and potentially tear his team apart.



Cutcliffe stuck with Miller and gave Eli spot duty as the understudy. Eli understood that his time was coming. And now it can be said that "Eli-Mania" is in full bloom. This year you'll find Archie and Olivia Manning at the Grove at Ole Miss to watch Eli on Saturdays, then winging to Indianapolis on Sundays to see Peyton. A pretty good doubleheader.

PRESEASON AWARDS

Courage Award

Last September, it appeared Adam Taliaferro would never walk again. The Penn State freshman cornerback suffered a severe neck injury making a tackle against Ohio State. The prognosis was bleak. But on Sept. 2, when Penn State opens the season at home against Miami (Fla.), he hopes to run onto the field at Beaver Stadium with his teammates.

Comeback Award

Arkansas running back Cedric Cobbs was going to be a star as a sophomore before suffering a separated shoulder in September 2000. Now Cobbs is back and will show the world why many have compared him to Herschel Walker. Coach Houston Nutt treated Cobbs with kid gloves in the spring and is now ready to turn him loose. Folks, this guy is big-time.



TIME TO GROW UP

As the Biletnikoff Award winner for 2000, Pittsburgh's Antonio Bryant has a legitimate chance of getting in the race for the Heisman Trophy. But Bryant got suspended not once, but twice, during spring practice, the last time coming for fighting with teammates during a scrimmage.

Better be careful, Antonio. The NFL is doing more homework than ever on character before the draft. Cha-Ching!!!!

Keeps fans from climbing goal post.



Coaches Roundtable

Want to know what the real college football experts think?

Athlon went straight to the source for a look inside some of the most brilliant minds in college football.

Participating in this forum are:

Fisher DeBerry of Air Force, Bobby Bowden of Florida State, Tommy Bowden of Clemson, R.C. Slocum of Texas A&M, Phillip Fulmer of Tennessee, Sonny Lubick of Colorado State, Jeff Bower of Southern Miss, Barry Alvarez of Wisconsin, Tommy Tuberville of Auburn, David Cutcliffe of Ole Miss, George O'Leary of Georgia Tech, Bob Davie of Notre Dame and Frank Beamer of Virginia Tech.

For more of what these coaches had to say, visit www.athlonsports.com

Who was the most important influence in your coaching career?

T. Bowden: My father. When I was in the sixth grade I wrote a paper for a class and said I wanted to be a college football coach, so he obviously had an effect on me at an early age.

Alvarez: Bob Devaney, my college coach at Nebraska.

Bower: I spent several years on Bobby Collins' staff at Southern Miss and at SMU. I learned a lot from him about football and the importance of loyalty and building character.

Beamer: It started with Jerry Claiborne. I played for him and was a grad assistant for him. And then I have great respect for Bobby Ross. Mike Gottfried was a great influence. I also have to put Art Baker in there.

Davie: Lou Holtz.

Other than your own, what is the toughest conference?

Davie: I would say it's a tie between the Big Ten and the SEC.

Cutcliffe: The Big 10 has balance and great physical play.

O'Leary: The SEC because of the nature of the players they bring in, the success they have had in prior years, and the fact that from top to bottom, the teams are pretty strong.

Bower: The Big 10.

B. Bowden: Big 12 or SEC.

Beamer: The SEC. They've got speed and everybody in that conference is real serious about being good.

What is the toughest stadium you've visited?

DeBerry: BYU.

Tuberville: The toughest stadium is probably the Orange Bowl. I coached in Miami for nine years and coached in 55 home games and we won all 55. It was very tough for an

opponent to come in and play us there. The environment, the stadium, the noise, the atmosphere, and the weather made it a tough place to play a college football game.

Lubick: LSU's Tiger Stadium.

T. Bowden: Florida.

Cutcliffe: The Swamp.

B. Bowden: Notre Dame in 1993 (where top-ranked Florida State lost 31-24).

Beamer: I think the toughest one to play in is the Carrier Dome. There is so much noise. When you play inside in a dome it's just a different setting.

Alvarez: Orange Bowl (Miami) when I served as an assistant at Notre Dame.

Lubick: Notre Dame — traditions and leprechauns.

What do you think is the most misunderstood (by fans) aspect of coaching?

DeBerry: That the coach doesn't play.

Bower: The duties off the field. How much time is spent in meetings, preparation, travel for recruiting, administrative work, speaking engagements.

Lubick: Varying budgets and resources available at different schools

Slocum: How much time coaches spend on academics and how much coaches care about the academic success of their players. Very few of us were great players who had NFL careers. Many of us grew up poor and realize profoundly that education is what changed our lives. We identify with the youngster that doesn't quite see the big picture because of his background.

Davie: Most fans believe that coaches want to win at all costs and would do whatever it takes to win. But I believe all of us are more interested in doing the best they can do and having the players do the best they can do.

Now let's talk about recruiting.

What are your favorite and least favorite facets of recruiting?

DeBerry: Traveling commercially is the least. Family visits is the most.

Lubick: Meeting new faces is the favorite. Seeing how unrealistic recruits are is the least favorite.

Davie: My favorite is the challenge when it gets down to the end of recruiting — of selling a player on the advantages of your university versus another university.

Fulmer: My favorite part of recruiting is to meet a prospect and a family that is enthusiastic and excited about your school, even if it is a very competitive situation. It is good to see prospects that obviously feel education is important, social and spiritual experiences are important, and on top of that, he is a great player and you are in the fight. The negative part is recruiting someone who thinks the world begins and ends with them and/or a family that thinks there is something out there for nothing.

Beamer: I like after you have narrowed your list down and you are dealing with good kids and good families. I like that part. I like the competition of that part, trying to get that guy to come to your place. I don't like narrowing that list down. That's a tough part.

Are high school kids much different today than when your coaching career began?

Slocum: They are much more aware. Cable TV has brought them closer to the game. Their world is much larger than mine was at that age.

T. Bowden: They are more knowledgeable today in the classroom and they are more aware of what your team personnel breakdown is. The Internet allows them to find out exactly what you have done and how



Courtland Richards

"The negative part is recruiting someone who thinks the world begins and ends with them and/or a family that thinks there is something out there for nothing."
—Phillip Fulmer

"From an offensive standpoint, the mobile quarterback has certainly been the biggest change in college football since I have been in coaching."
—Tommy Bowden



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many players you have on scholarship at his position.

O'Leary: It used to be that kids would not ask you who they had to compete against depth-wise, and today they do. Kids are also more into the selfish mode of knowing how many quarterbacks you have, how many linebackers, and earlier kids were more competitive and they didn't worry about who you had.

Davie: I think there is more of an emphasis on academics — now everyone is aware of entrance requirements. I think recruits and their families are more prepared for the whole recruiting process than they have been in years past.

What are your best and worst recruiting experiences?

DeBerry: When we beat a big-time Division I-A school on a kid.

Davie: I was waiting to sign a player. It was eight o'clock in the morning and I was waiting in the living room with his mother for him to come out of his bedroom. We waited 5 minutes. . . then 10 minutes. . . then 15 minutes and he still hadn't come out. His mom then knocked on the door and no one answered. She opened the door and the back window was open. He had jumped out the window and ran out the back of the house because he didn't want to sign. My best experience in recruiting was Carlyle Holiday (current sophomore quarterback). We had actually lost contact with him over the last three days of recruiting. We heard on signing date he had a press conference and announced he was going to Notre Dame. That was a great surprise.

What are your biggest worries about recruiting?



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Cutcliffe: Rumors on the Internet.

Lubick: Selling the athlete a bill of goods.

Bower: It is a two- or four-year decision you're making when you offer a scholarship. You have to make the right choices on a recruit's character, ability to succeed in the classroom and their level of play on the field.

Tuberville: I think the biggest thing you worry about are the recruiting services. So many people get involved in recruiting. I think recruiting should be handled within the family.

O'Leary: That you don't fulfill your needs. Once you have your program in order, you go after specific positions to help each position out so you can win Division I games, and getting the right talent level at those positions is critical.

Slocum: More and more, the process is being made into a media spectacle.

B. Bowden: Somebody will give the player something that is illegal and he will be tempted and accept it and not come to FSU because of it.

Davie: There is less time to evaluate prospects. Due to NCAA rules, you are allowed less and less time to be around someone that you are ultimately going to be responsible for the next four years of his life.

How overblown are Signing Day recruiting rankings?

DeBerry: Very, very much.

Lubick: Extremely — no real way to evaluate recruiting.

Alvarez: Our worst class according to the rankings was the foundation of the '93 Rose Bowl champions.

O'Leary: I think the rankings should only be done on kids that are academically eligible. A lot of teams that are ranked, half the class they have signed is ineligible.

Bower: They are way overblown. Sometimes fans live for this as much as they do the games themselves.

Tuberville: I think all that it is, is a way for a group of people to make money. They're going to give the higher rankings to the teams that do a good job recruiting. But, they also favor certain schools because they sell more newspapers or magazines to those

schools' fans. I never look at recruiting rankings because you never know what is in a young man's heart.

Davie: For coaches, they are totally overblown. For fans, I am sure it's something they consider to be very valid. Ultimately, it doesn't matter how the class ranks on signing day, but how they rank three or four years down the road.

B. Bowden: They have been exact in our case. However, some schools never get mentioned, like Nebraska, and they win national championships.

Beamer: The best I can tell, the kids get ranked by who is recruiting them. So basically, the same schools are going to have the best recruiting years year after year after year.

Are the scholarship limits too low? Or is that good for parity? And is parity a good thing?

DeBerry: Yes, parity is great.

Bower: No, the scholarship limits are not too low. It is good for parity. It allows all schools the opportunity to recruit good players.

O'Leary: Because of injuries and the number of people who have to play, I'd like to see us go to 100 scholarships with no replacements. If a kid transfers or becomes academically ineligible, then they can't be replaced, so it's up to the school to take the right kids. It keeps the school honest, and puts the pressure on them to keep players in school, and to recruit the right athletes.

Slocum: Scholarship limits are as low as they can go. I would like for us to go to the five-year rule where there is no redshirting and teams can use all of their players.

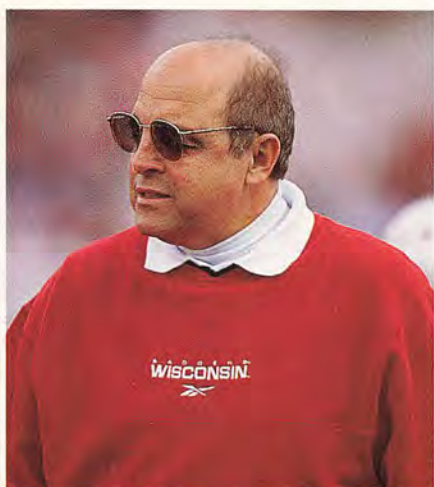
Beamer: I think it would be tougher for a school like Virginia Tech to do what we've done over the past eight years if there wasn't parity. I don't think the scholarship limit needs to go any lower because when



Courtland Richards

"I have been guilty in the past of signing punters who couldn't punt their way out of a paper bag."
—Bobby Bowden

"(Recruiting rankings) favor certain schools because they sell more newspapers or magazines to those schools' fans."
—Tommy Tuberville



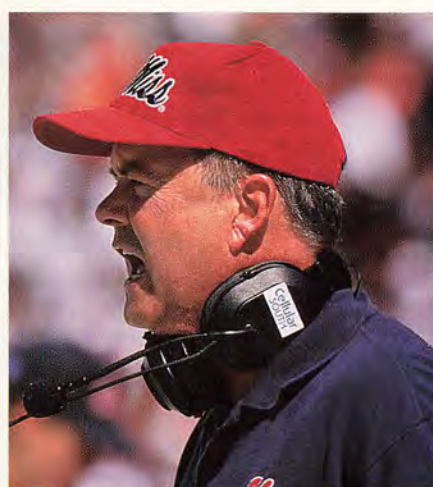
Brian Ebner

Alvarez: "Our worst (recruiting) class according to the rankings was the foundation of the '93 Rose Bowl Champions."



Layne Murdoch

Texas A&M's 35-31 loss to No. 1 Oklahoma at Kyle Field last season ranks as one of Slocum's worst memories in coaching.



Courtland Richards

Cutcliffe says "truly being able to judge speed in the secondary and at receiver" is one of the toughest parts of evaluating a recruit.

you think about 85 guys on scholarship, 20 or so are freshman and not many of them are going to be playing.

Fulmer: I have three daughters and I am very much in favor of them having the same opportunities as males do, but I think it is very unfair to limit opportunities for young men that may get a chance to play football if they want to, but can't because of scholarship limitations.

In their prime, would you rather have Junior Seau or Deion Sanders on defense? Why?

DeBerry: Seau — Build defense with LBs.

Bower: Deion Sanders because he is so versatile and can play several different positions.

Tuberville: Deion Sanders is a great football player and a great athlete. But, where I've coached, I would much rather have a linebacker that is hard-nosed and can make plays in the run and pass scheme, and can be a team leader.

Alvarez: A great cover cornerback allows defenses such flexibility. You can overload other areas if you have a Deion Sanders.

T. Bowden: Deion Sanders because the cornerback position is so important in this era if

you are going to play press man defense. Also a Deion Sanders can do so much for you in the return game.

Davie: I think Deion Sanders, because of the position he plays. If you can take one corner and lock it up, and take one receiver out of the game, you have a big advantage. Plus, he can put points on the board in the return game.

B. Bowden: Deion Sanders because he can serve in more areas. He can not only be a great defensive back, but can return punts and kickoffs. Junior Seau would not likely do that.

In their prime, would you rather have Dan Marino or Michael Vick running your offense? Why?

T. Bowden: I would take Michael Vick because the running quarterback is the future of football. You have to have that versatility.

Bower: Michael Vick. Because of his speed and arm strength, he causes the opponents a lot of problems.

Slocum: They are both great players but a mobile QB adds another dimension.

Alvarez: Michael Vick. I love the run/pass option that Vick can bring. He can hurt you

B. Bowden: Michael Vick because he can do more things. He can run and throw the football and Dan is strictly a passer — probably the best there is.

Beamer: I would take Michael Vick (laughs). I think Dan Marino certainly could beat you with his arm, but I think from a protection standpoint, it's tougher to protect a Dan Marino.

DeBerry: Vick — Run the option.

What are your top three coaching memories?

T. Bowden: An undefeated season coaching at Auburn with my brother Terry (1993) and our undefeated season at Tulane.

DeBerry: Letters from former players, beating Notre Dame the first time and beating BYU to win our first outright WAC title

Bower: 1. Being named head coach at my alma mater; 2. Winning three Conference USA championships; 3. Winning three bowl games

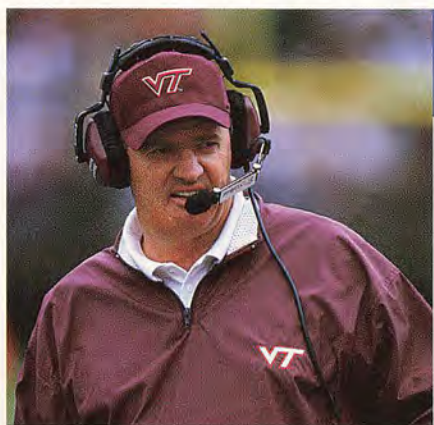
Slocum: Beating Texas to establish the all-time winning streak in the SWC Conference at 23 straight conference wins. Beating Kansas State in overtime to win the Big Twelve Championship in 1998. Beating #5 LSU in my first game as a head coach.

B. Bowden: Beating Nebraska in 1980 at Nebraska, beating Florida's national championship team in Tallahassee in 1996, beating Auburn in 1987 at Auburn.

Tuberville: Winning three national championships at the University of Miami.

Alvarez: No. 1 vs. No. 2 game between Iowa (as assistant coach) and Michigan. Rose Bowl in 1993 vs. UCLA. Winning at Penn State to end a long Nittany Lion winning streak in '95.

Davie: Beating Georgia in the Sugar Bowl in 1982, while I was coaching at Pittsburgh. Dan Marino threw a touchdown pass on the



Ric Fogel

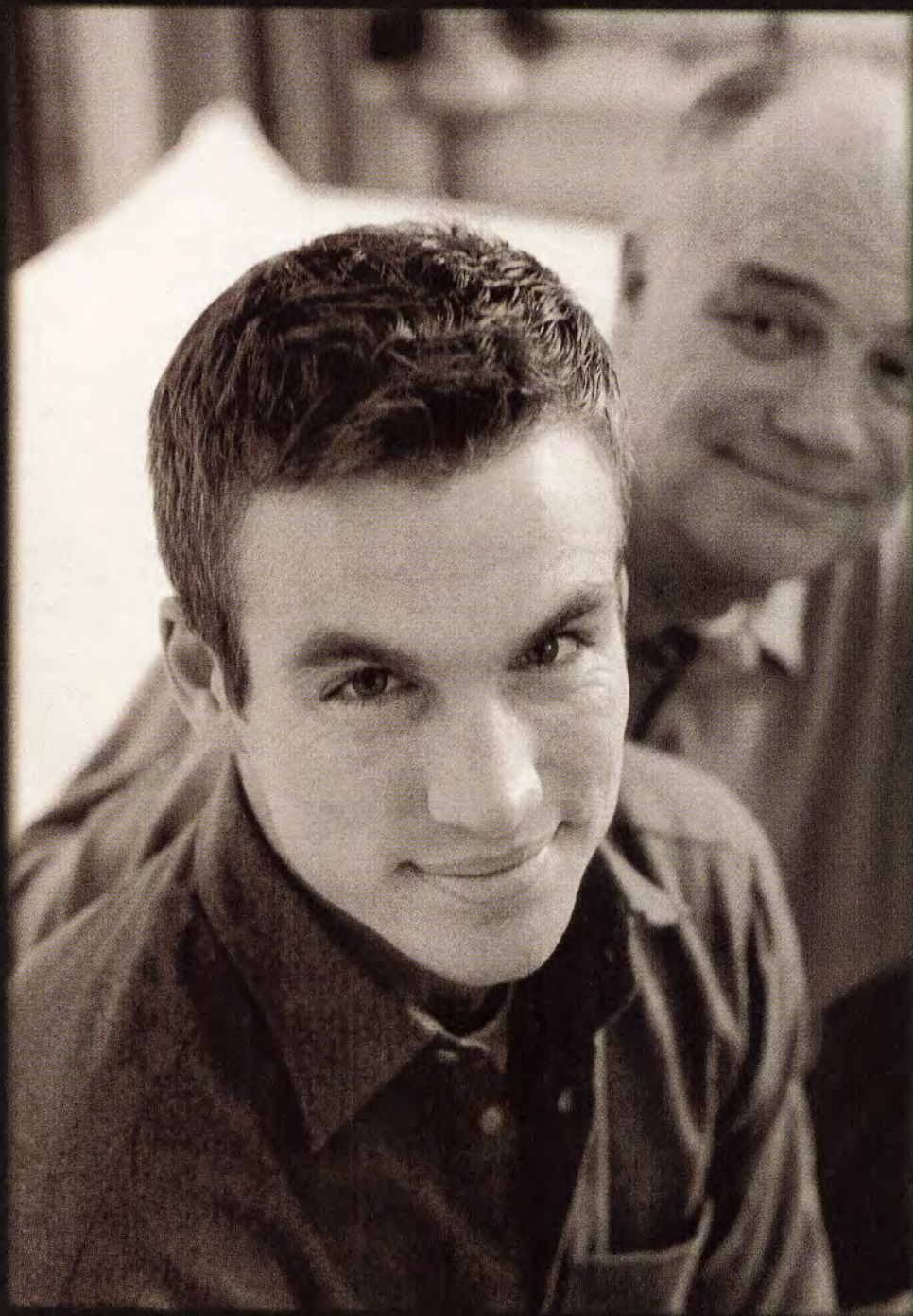
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in more ways.

Davie: I think Michael Vick because the game has changed to where a quarterback has to be mobile. Any time a quarterback can beat you with both his arm and his legs, it's an advantage.

Tuberville: I would much rather have Michael Vick — a guy who can throw, who can run, is talented to make plays on his own, and can make a bad play into a great play.

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last play of the game. Number two would be beating Texas when I was at Notre Dame in 1995 in Austin. Jim Sanson kicked a field goal on the last play of the game. Number three was last year when we beat USC to secure a BCS bowl bid.

Fulmer: The top one would obviously be the national championship and not just the Fiesta Bowl game, but the run we had to be 13-0. I admire the 1994 team for bouncing back from some early-season losses and laying the groundwork for what we accomplished down the line. The wins over Alabama are also special — every one of them. As a Tennessean, I know what it means to participate in that game and win that game.



Peter Brouillet

Davie says LSU's Tiger Stadium is the toughest venue his Notre Dame team has visited.

What are your worst memories of coaching?

Slocum: Losing to Texas in Austin in 1990 by one point after failing a 2-point conversion at the end of the game. Losing to Texas in Austin in 1998 by two points on a last second field goal. Losing to #1 OU 35-31 in 2000.

T. Bowden: One stands out, losing 54-7 to my father last year in Tallahassee.

B. Bowden: Losing to Pittsburgh 36-35 in 1970 after leading 35-8 at the half; losing to Florida in 1986 when we had a 70-yard touchdown called back that would have won it; losing to Miami in 1987 when they came back and beat us.

What current or former head coach would you select if you could have another coach assist you in preparing for and joining you on the sidelines for a national championship game?

Lubick: Joe Paterno.

DeBerry: Tom Osborne.

Tuberville: There are several I have worked with. I would rank them in this order: Motivational and organizational wise, Jimmy Johnson. I think as defensive coordinators I would have Larry Lacewell and R.C. (Slocum). Dennis Erickson would be my

offensive coordinator. I think those four guys have been instrumental in my career and they are some of the best coaches to ever coach this game.

B. Bowden: Ara Parseghian.

T. Bowden: Everyone expects me to say my father and I would certainly pick him. He has coached in so many of those games. But, I also would want to have Homer Smith with me on that sideline.

Davie: Lou Holtz.

Alvarez: Same here, Lou Holtz. He's first-rate in a big game.

Cutcliffe: Phillip Fulmer.

Beamer: I've got to go with Tom Osborne. He's been there and had success. He is the type of coach that you'd want to draw from.

How has coaching changed since you began your career?

DeBerry: Faster game. Administrative duties take more time away from coaching.

O'Leary: I think when I first started coaching that everyone was a lot more run-oriented and worked at stopping the run. Now everybody is more pass-oriented and they run spread offenses and all sorts of coverages. I think that people are exploiting the great athletes that they have and getting in situations where you can beat players one-on-one. Also, players today are all looking for discipline. There are very few teams today that win without it.

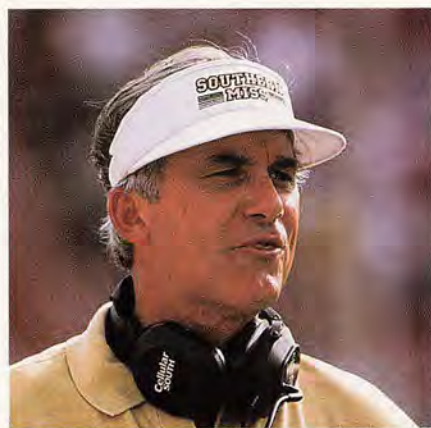
T. Bowden: From an offensive standpoint, the mobile quarterback has certainly been the biggest change in college football since I have been in coaching (1978).

Slocum: The game on the field has become a lot more complicated. We are asking a lot more out of our players mentally. There is tremendous coverage of sports and anytime a sports figure has a problem it is well publicized. Some of the problems are no different than they have ever been, you just hear about them more now.



John Hudetz

Lubick says Athlon should pick his Colorado State Rams second or third in the Mountain West. (We've got them first.)



John Bower

Bower: "Scholarship limits are not too low. It is good for parity. It allows all schools the opportunity to recruit good players."

Davie: Without a doubt the multiplicity, scheme-wise and the evolution of the one-back offense. The thing that has changed is you spend more and more time coaching, but less and less time with the players in teaching on the field.

What are the biggest distractions for your players?

DeBerry: Press.

Lubick: Agents.

Fulmer: I think the players are pretty focused. You get concerned about high-profile players when they get older and them getting involved with agents. You get concerned with them thinking more about what might be in the future than that particular ballgame. I've learned some lessons in the past about that and how to handle it better the next time.

Cutcliffe: All the entertainment available to them at the drop of a hat — videos, parties — social life in general.

B. Bowden: Girls, followed closely by agents.

Slocum: The biggest distraction to players is school. Players now must be on track to graduate and if they are at a reputable university they have serious academic obligations. They must really learn to balance their time.

Alvarez: Agents.

Do you feel athletes should receive any type of stipend, or is the scholarship enough?

DeBerry: No! The scholarship is enough.

Bower: They should get a small stipend, enough to take care of personal items.

Tuberville: The scholarship is enough. We are not a pro football team. They get a valuable learning experience from playing major college football, and only a few of them get to do it. It's a reward to come and get your scholarship and earn a degree and play college football.

Alvarez: I would like them to receive a stipend

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if it's feasible. It should be a small monthly allowance.

B. Bowden: I think the athletes should get \$75 a month plus the full scholarship. The fact that they are unable to work while playing football, means they need some pocket money. Many of them can't get it from their families.

Davie: Certainly the value of the scholarship, when you add up all the years and then the boost it gives you in potential salary after you graduate is a significant amount. But I do think, based on need, a student should receive a stipend. . . solely based on need.

Cutcliffe: We have enough need-based grants available now.

If you could change one decision you've made as a coach, what would it be?

Lubick: Every coach has decisions that they would do over, but in the big scope of things, I don't think I would do anything differently.

Cutcliffe: To not throw the football late vs. Mississippi State in 1999 (when an interception led to a loss).

B. Bowden: As far as job opportunities, nothing. There are quite a few decisions as far as calling plays that I would change. For instance, 1970 with a 35-8 lead, I would never sit on the ball again.

What has been your biggest mistake in judging talent?

Lubick: Too much emphasis on talent — more on character.

DeBerry: Size.

O'Leary: As a young coach, sometimes you have a tendency to go after a name player, who may not necessarily be a great player, but has a lot of press with his name. But he



John Belancourt

Should athletes receive a stipend?
"No!" says DeBerry. "The scholarship is enough."

may not be a good college player because he's either too small or too slow.

Tuberville: I don't think coaches have a lot of difficulty judging talent. I think the thing we have problems with is judging drive and determination. A lot of times they were great high school players and they have good athletic ability, but when they get to college, they don't understand what work ethic they have to have and how competitive it is.

Cutcliffe: Truly being able to judge speed in the secondary and at receiver.

T. Bowden: I am not going to name any names or site a specific situations, but many schools in general will rely too heavily on reputations created by recruiting services.

B. Bowden: I have been guilty in the past of signing punters who couldn't punt the ball out of a paper bag.

On the lighter side. . .

Have you ever given an opponent bulletin board material and have it come back to bite you?

Davie: I slipped and mistakenly called Oregon State Oklahoma State during a press conference for the 2001 Fiesta Bowl. It was not intentional and I tried to retract it immediately after I said it — but there was no chance of that. The Oregon media ran with it and there was nothing I could do.

B. Bowden: Yes. I scouted Alabama in 1965 and one of the Birmingham writers asked me what I thought of Alabama and were we scared of them. I said no, we played Georgia and Georgia hit as good as Alabama. I don't think Bear liked that statement because he put it on his bulletin board and they kicked our tail.

Are you a fan of any other sport?

Beamer: NASCAR. We have three tracks right

here in Virginia and I got invited to them then I kinda got hooked.

Lubick: Baseball and basketball.

Bower: Golf and baseball

O'Leary: I enjoy going to a pro golf tournament and watching them earn their money, because I like the idea of earning your money on the field and not in a contract. I enjoy going to baseball games from time to time. And, I really enjoy hockey. I like the closeness of the game, the contact in the game, and some of the skating abilities of the athletes.

DeBerry: Baseball.

T. Bowden: I like to watch Tiger Woods play golf.

B. Bowden: I love boxing — seeing, not participating.

Davie: All sports — particularly basketball.

Fulmer: I'm a fan of all sports. I was the best assistant softball coach around for my girls' team when I could still be there. I grew up a baseball fan. I actually wanted to play both sports in college, but it wasn't feasible for me.

Cutcliffe: Baseball and basketball.

Alvarez: All sports, but baseball and golf are high on my list.

How seriously do you and your staff and players take preseason magazines? Where should Athlon predict your school this season?

Lubick: Moderately seriously. Second or third in our conference.

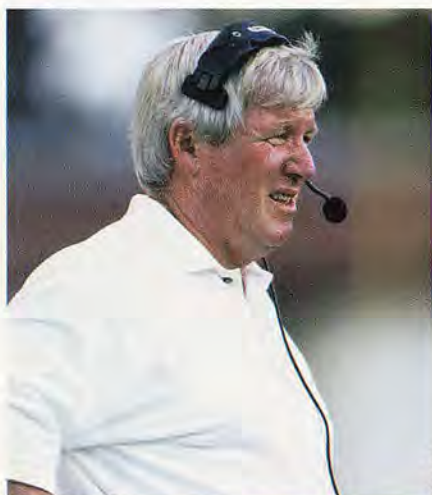
DeBerry: Not at all. We hope we're last every year.

Cutcliffe: I'm sure players react to it, but I really don't think anyone can predict accurately what is going to occur during the season. It's probably fair to predict us 5th or 6th in the SEC West.

B. Bowden: We do not take preseason magazines seriously in regard to who they predict will win; however, I love them. I can't wait until the preseason starts and people start putting out their football predictions.

Beamer: I think they make great summer reading. How seriously I take them depends on whether or not they ranked us! I think we would be very highly ranked if Michael Vick were still here. How far his departure takes us down the list, I'm not sure.

Tuberville: I think they're great reading material, but that's about all they are. I think predictions make people compete. I know last year, that I used it with our players. The year 2000, our football team was predicted to finish in the bottom 50 of the top 100 of college football. We ended up in the top 25 and won the SEC Western Division. Hopefully, Athlon picks us somewhere in the Top 50.

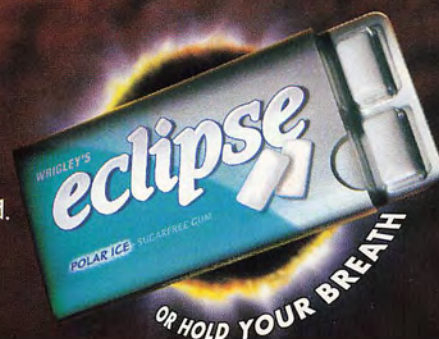


Allen Kea

O'Leary: "Players today are all looking for discipline. There are very few teams today that win without it."



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DECISION OF A LIFETIME

A Year in the Life of a Prized Recruit

by Rob Doster



Bill Wood

College football fans covet his skills. College coaches and their recruiting coordinators covet his signature. Recruiting devotees pay money to learn his weekend travel plans, then discuss his physical attributes as though they were assessing a side of beef.

Classmates crave his approval. Girls long to be at his side. Men treat him like a prized customer considering a Lexus on their new car lot.

Amid the chaos, he tries to be a normal high school student, writing papers, studying for tests, taking college entrance exams, balancing schoolwork with the incredible demands on his time, all because of what he does on Friday nights in the fall.

Oh, and in case you were wondering — he's having the time of his life. It just so happens that in the midst of it all, he has to squeeze in the decision of a lifetime.

Such is the life of a prized football recruit. His life is barely his own. Yet, the demands are balanced by the thrill of national attention, the generous praise of fans and media, the simple joy of playing a game at a high level and making people happy doing it.

For a kid who lacks the maturity to put the attention in perspective, the recruiting process is a trap. The dangers of an out-of-control ego are well-documented. But for the right kid, it's not a bad place to be.

Ingle Martin is one such individual. A quarterback at Nashville's prestigious Montgomery Bell Academy (MBA), Martin entered his senior season faced with a decision that would impact the rest of his life.

Yes, many of us face that same decision at that same point in our lives. We just don't do it with the whole country watching.

Making a Name

The first word that comes to mind is poise. On and off the field. He has a presence that is exceedingly rare among high school kids. That poise, plus a heavy dose of athletic ability, came to the attention

of recruiters when Ingle Martin was a sophomore with a soccer background who had barely begun to master football.

He showed that poise and presence in abundance as the junior quarterback of a dominating team that earned a final USA Today national ranking of No. 15. In leading MBA to a 12–0 season in 1999, Martin helmed an offense that was brutal in its efficiency and rarely played in the fourth quarter.

His poise showed early that season in a game with Jacksonville powerhouse The Bolles School. Martin led MBA on a touchdown march in the last minute to earn a hard-fought 26–21 victory that was a springboard to national prominence, both for the Big Red and its emerging quarterback, now on the radar screens of recruiters nationwide.

The Camps: Step 1 for the Elite

It's the summer of 2000, and while most kids are lining up lawn-mowing jobs or hanging out at the mall, college prospects are showing their skills to recruiters at shoe company-sponsored camps.

The camps are mini-combines — a dizzying series of 40 times, agility drills and arm-numbing tests of strength and accuracy. It is here that Martin makes his name. Nike holds a camp on the Georgia campus during the sweltering summer heat, and Martin, having expressed an interest in the Dawgs, is invited. He's the star of the camp, standing out in a group that includes top quarterback prospects like Brodie Croyle and Adrian McPherson. His spectacular showing vaults him near the top of many recruiting rankings, including *Rivals.com*, a once-popular (but now defunct) internet site devoted largely to recruiting.

Having earned a national reputation, Martin joins 11 other top quarterbacks (yes, that adds up to 12) at the Student Sports Elite 11 Quarterback camp in San Juan Capistrano, Calif., in late July. It's a chance for the top QB recruits in the nation to show their skills while receiving

tips on surviving the recruiting process and the college experience. Martin is hampered by a sore shoulder; possibly due to his lack of opportunity at the camp, his *Rivals.com* national ranking among quarterbacks drops from 4 to 12.

The camaraderie at the camp is impressive; these guys are vying for attention from recruiters, yet they respect each other immensely.

"I thought I was in good shape, but the first hour there, I threw 200 passes, so the tendinitis in my shoulder flared up," Martin says. "After that, I couldn't even throw a spiral. The other guys there throw 30 times a game, so their arms didn't get sore until the third day. It was a great experience, though." Martin is unconcerned by his drop in the QB rankings. Important people know enough to assess him accurately.

Still, the power of the camps to affect perceptions and recruiting practices is astounding and far outweighs anything a player does on a high school field. Prior to the Georgia Nike camp in June, Martin was considered a solid player, nothing more. Afterwards, there's no going back. Ingle Martin is a blue-chipper.

A Season to Remember

Ah, yes. There is a senior season to play. It's almost anticlimactic for the established recruits, who can hurt their standing with poor performances.

Martin faces a triple challenge: maintaining standards for a program with a 19-game winning streak; living the life of a "normal" high school senior; and this little matter of deciding where he will spend the next few years of his life. But there's time, and there are games to play.

Game 1 — Aug. 18

In a 41-7 win over Lincoln County, Martin runs for 243 yards and four TDs on 11 carries. He's 7-of-16 passing for 116 yards and makes a leaping interception in the end zone. His coach, Ricky Bowers, says: "We knew they would be going to their best player, so we wanted to put our best player on him."

"I'm further away from making a decision than I was," Martin says that week. "Nebraska and Florida State have called the coaches asking about me, so I might add them to my list." Although Martin's style would seem to fit, the Huskers never will make a serious run at him.

Game 2 — Aug. 25

A steady diet of up-the-gut running from the tailbacks leads to a grinding 38-15 win over a tough Murfreesboro Oakland team. Grumbling begins on the recruiting message boards about Martin's early lack of passing success.

Game 3 — Sept. 1

Another win — 23-7 over Baylor — another ho-hum outing. Martin's stats: 100 yards on 17 carries, 1 touchdown; 2-of-4 passing for 22 yards.

Game 4 — Sept. 8

MBA's 22-game winning streak comes to an end in a dismal 26-3 loss in the rematch with Jacksonville Bolles in rainy, sloppy conditions. Later, MBA will get word that Bolles used an ineligible player, giving the Big Red a win via forfeit.

Game 5 — Sept. 15

Again, it's the running game and defense that rule the day, as MBA beats Memphis University School 25-7. Martin scores two rushing touchdowns while continuing to struggle with a deep thigh bruise. In this game, he suffers a fracture in his left (non-throwing) wrist that will require surgery after the season.

Game 6 — Sept. 22

Against a young Pearl-Cohn team, MBA and Martin enjoy a little success in the passing game in a 35-7 win.

Game 7 — Sept. 29

Martin throws for two touchdowns, runs for another, kicks a school-record 55-yard field goal, and lands a punt at the four yard-line that leads to a safety in a 26-0 win over Brentwood Academy.



Midseason report card

An Oct. 3 conversation reveals that a somewhat frustrating season and the looming decision are weighing on Ingle.

On his current recruiting leanings: "My friends can tell you about how I change every week. I'm on my spin cycle right now. Something big happened last night: Steve Spurrier called and Florida offered. I love warm weather and I love fishing, and a good friend of mine at Bolles, Todd McCullough, committed there. Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Ole Miss, Clemson, unofficial visit to Virginia, maybe Michigan, maybe Ohio State."

On a possible position change in college: "I want a shot to play quarterback. Hopefully they'll see what I can bring. But I'll play receiver, I'll kick. I just want to win a national championship. I've heard that Tennessee would move me to safety."

On going to a school like Florida where there is an established QB: "I want to red-shirt. There's a lot of maturing that needs to happen. By then (redshirt freshman season), Brock Berlin will be a junior. Two years is fine with me (to lead a team). I just hope I get a national championship."

Game 8, Oct. 6

Martin's 53-yard field goal with 32 seconds left saves MBA in a 24-21 struggle with Chattanooga McCallie. MBA gets the ball with a couple of minutes left, facing overtime. It is then that Martin makes two huge plays. On third-and-14 with just over a minute left, Martin evades the rush and launches a 35-yard completion that puts MBA at the McCallie 35. Three plays later, Martin nails a 53-yard field goal that would have been good from 60. His ensuing kickoff splits the uprights as well.

Oct. 11: A Look Inside the Laundry Basket

The Martin family lives in a charming circa 1910 house in a quiet Nashville neighborhood. A bass sits mounted in an action pose over the living room's built-in bookshelves; Ingle says he loves to fish, which could play a part in where he signs.

He brings in a sample of the recruiting mail he has received. He had it organized by school at one time, he tells us, but there's simply too much of it to catalogue, and it now sits largely unopened in a big laundry basket.

The phone rings, and it's Purdue's recruiting coordinator on the other end. Martin talks with him for about 15 minutes, very cordially. When asked for a list of schools he's considering, he includes Purdue. "Always a diplomat," his father whispers.

Excitement lingers in his voice and on his face when he talks to us about the Florida offer, though. Looks like Florida's the leader.

The visit reinforces several things:

- Ingle and his family have perspective and proper priorities. Of all the literature assembled on the table, the item they're most proud of appeared on a Florida high school football web site, and it's not a glowing review of Martin's ability. The item credits Ingle with showing unusual class and maturity by refusing to blame the weather for the disastrous loss to Bolles. Impressive.

- Ingle knows how the recruiting game is played, but he doesn't like being hustled. He likes, but doesn't trust, the Tennessee staff, recounting the anecdote from Peyton Manning's book in which Manning and Brannon Stewart arrived on campus having both been told they would be the No. 1 quarterback.

Game 9, Oct. 13

A routine 31-0 win over Memphis Christian Brothers that is notable primarily for Martin's third 50-plus-yard field goal in as many weeks.



Three field goals of 50-plus yards had recruiting fans thinking of Martin as a dual-purpose threat.

Game 10, Oct. 27

MBA beats archrival Father Ryan 38-17. It's Martin's best game since the opener. He completes 8-of-13 passes for 161 yards and two touchdowns, including a 46-yard strike. He rushes for 55 yards and two touchdowns.

State Championship Game, Nov. 18

In a classic case of doing just enough to win, Martin leads MBA to an 8-7 win over Brentwood Academy for a Division II three-peat championship. Many leave the game feeling that the kid's slightly overrated as a talent but vastly underrated as a leader and a winner. After doing nothing all game long,

Martin tosses a 21-yard TD pass in the fourth quarter with a brilliant throw on a dead run. "This one was the toughest," he says afterward. "They manhandled us up front."

Ingle's final stats for 2000: 964 yards passing, seven TDs; 935 yards rushing, 12 TDs; six-of-nine field goals. Most important stat: 23-1 as the starting QB for a team that spent much of the 1999-2000 seasons ranked among the nation's top high school teams.

Visits and New Developments

With his senior season over, Martin turns his attention to the highlights of the recruiting process: the official on-campus visits. He's allowed five, and he uses every one.

A sudden jolt hits Ingle and his family: Jim Donnan is fired at Georgia. Suddenly, a number of prospects, including Martin, are cooling on Athens. His visit, once set for Dec. 8, is cancelled.

The schedule is a whirlwind:

12/8 — Tennessee

Hosts: Michael Muñoz, Will Bartholomew

Ingle's thoughts: I saw a movie and played paintball. Went to an awesome dinner and ate in the skyboxes. Neyland Stadium was incredible.

12/15 — LSU

Host: Rodney Reed

Ingle's thoughts: Went out and enjoyed the social scene both nights. Tiger Stadium was fantastic. Loved the coaches and players.

1/5 — Alabama

Host: Jessica Bradford (Bama Belle)

Ingle's thoughts: Had a great time with Coach Fran (Dennis Franchione). Enjoyed a nice deer hunt.

1/12 — Virginia

Ingle's thoughts: UVa is in a gorgeous town (Charlottesville) with a great student body. Thomas Jefferson is a great architect (my parents, both architects, love him). Both Coach Grohs (Al and Mike) were great.

1/19 — Florida

Host: Rob Roberts

Ingle's thoughts: Had a nice dinner overlooking The Swamp and enjoyed the social scene. Rode a bus to The Swamp and simulated a game. Had a terrific experience.

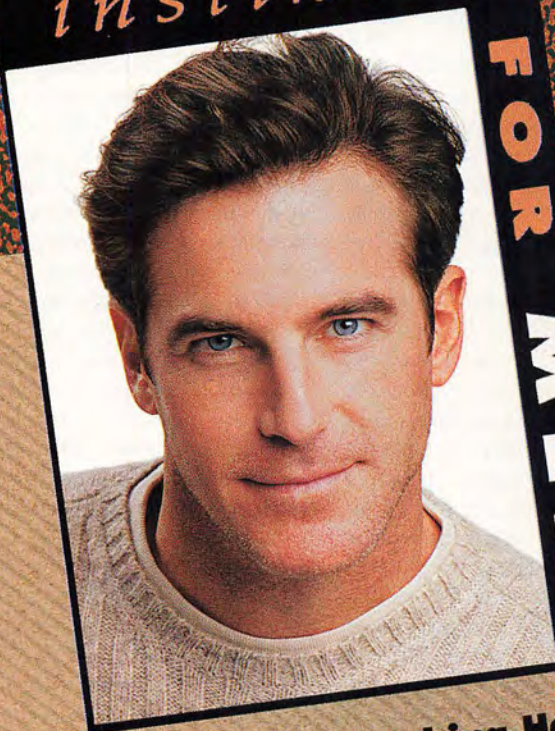
Virginia is clearly an 11th-hour darkhorse. The allure of a former pro coach, Al Groh, is enticing to a young quarterback, but the prime mover in this development is Ingle's mother, Anne, and her reason is purely academic. "I grew up in a family that dismissed football," she says. "I pushed him to go to Charlottesville (on one of his official visits). It's a very sought-after place. If you have the opportunity to go to one of the best universities in the nation, why would you play in the SEC?"

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The Decision

Martin confides that from the beginning, when he was a sophomore and schools were making preliminary contact, he had a leader in mind. A warm-weather school where championships are routine. Where the coach takes a special interest in his quarterbacks. Where he can get a useful education to prepare him for life after football.

The excitement in his voice when he first heard from Spurrier is still there. The choice is made. Ingle Martin will be a Gator. Signing Day dawns, Feb. 7, and with it, a ceremony on the MBA campus. Martin is joined by three teammates — Moses Osemwegie, a line-backer, and Dominique Morris, a cornerback, are signing with Vanderbilt; Hulsey Smith, a lineman, inks with SMU. Ingle signs his grant-in-aid with a pen decorated by a plastic Gator.

Ingle Martin: In his own words

It was one of the most unique experiences I have ever been a part of. You hear all kinds of things before you get into it, but what I figured out is that each person's experience is unique. Everyone goes on the stadium tours, and visits the locker rooms, and sees their name on the school's uniform, but in terms of the encompassing experience, each one is unique.

Mine started off when I was a sophomore, receiving letters from schools I never dreamed of attending (Alabama, Texas and Tennessee) for football. Then kicked off the true process. Sept. 1 of my junior year, I received two letters: Vanderbilt and Tennessee. Both inviting me to their first home game, free tickets, and a chance to meet these coaches you hear so much about. We all have seen the movies (*Blue Chips*, *He Got Game* and *Hoop Dreams*) but you never think it will happen to you. But it happened to me.

My laundry basket started filling up with mail from that moment on. I began sorting

the mail by school when I got enough, but by the end, each letter was thrown in a clump, usually unopened, into the basket.

I was lucky enough to have a solid season my junior year and help my school to a state title (second in a row) and our first national ranking (ending No. 15 in *USA Today*). I feel this exposure helped my cause in being recruited. Coming

from a winning program helps, but I feel if you are talented enough, they will find you.

I chose to go see Alabama's, Ole Miss', Georgia's and Vanderbilt's spring practices my junior year and then camped at Ole Miss, Alabama, Tennessee, Michigan and Georgia that summer. Up until that summer, only Iowa, Vandy and Georgia had offered me scholarships.

Then, in the summer before my senior year, I received the majority of my offers. When on these trips, I met with the head coaches. I can remember being nervous my first couple of meetings, but by the end I was seeing these people as strictly head coaches who were recruiting me to their school, not as Phillip Fulmer, Lloyd Carr or David Cutcliffe. That was one of the more interesting things that evolved throughout the process.

After my summer ended, the phone calls began again Sept. 1. Each school was allowed one call a week. This, we felt, would be very hectic and forced us to get a second line. The second line did come in handy once the "contact period" started. During this time, coaches could call as many times as they liked — each time trying to see "How are things going?" or "Are you any closer to choosing a school?" I really enjoyed talking with each of these coaches. I felt each opportunity was a chance to learn something.

Also, things became hectic trying to set up all my official and unofficial visits. I originally thought that I would see Tennessee, Georgia, Ole Miss, Clemson and Michigan, but after my unofficial trip to Gainesville my whole world was turned. They (Florida) ended up offering me a scholarship, and this thrust them into my Top 5 visit list. I really never expected

that to happen, and when it did, I knew that it would be hard for anyone to beat them.

But Virginia almost did. Coach (Al) Groh was really impressive, but Florida and Coach Spurrier were too much. I liked everything UVA had to offer, but the chance to play at Florida was too great. In the end, I felt really that Florida's people and tradition won over the rest of the field (as well as that sunshine.)

Ingle, According to Spurrier

Talking to Steve Spurrier reveals a lot about Ingle's attraction to the Florida program. The man's a straight shooter, never sugarcoating any hard truths. Clearly, though, the attraction was a mutual one.

On the Martin family: It was a great experience to meet his parents, to get to know them, to meet Coach Bowers, just to see how they operate. I understand why they do so well. Coach Bowers is one of the best coaches in the nation. Ingle is a very honest young man. Most of them are. I had a good time recruiting him. We don't usually recruit Tennessee unless there's a connection. His mother told us he was interested in going to Florida. We started following him and realized he was worth following.

On his plans for Martin: He's similar to me in that he punts, placekicks and runs. Of course, I was a 5-flat at best, while he can run a 4.6 and really move. I encourage guys to run at least once or twice a game. I told Ingle we'd separate him from Rex and Brock. It wouldn't be fair to him not to redshirt him.

On recruiting: It's much more intense. They get so many calls. Even if they're only being recruited by one or two schools, they get those coaches calling all the time. Then you wonder whether the boosters are getting involved. You always have doubts about one or two schools. With what happened at Alabama, it obviously was a problem. I just hope no one else in the SEC is involved.

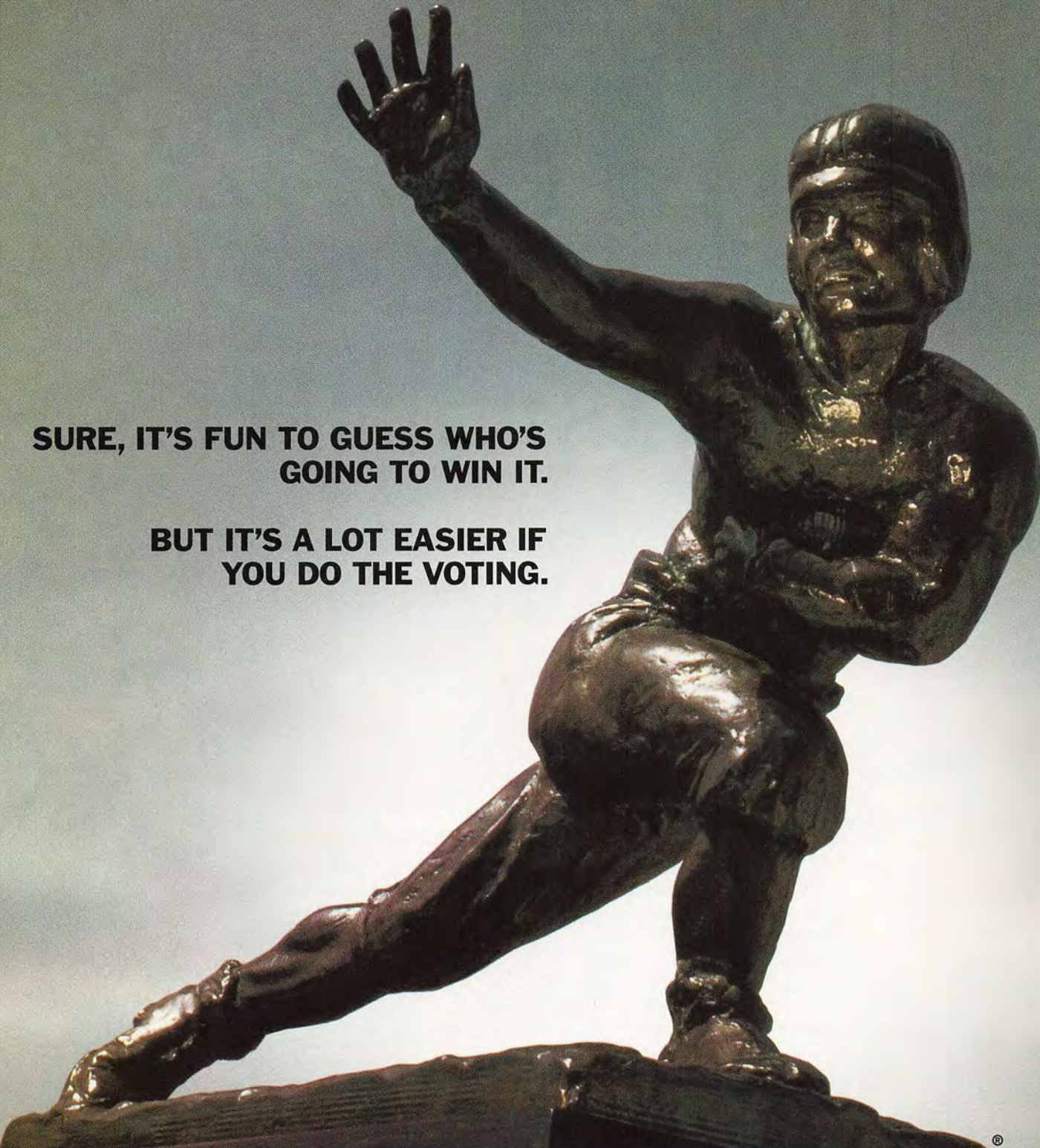
On recruiting rankings: It's important to recruit well, don't get me wrong. It gives fans hope. But I was talking to Bob Stoops, and (Oklahoma) hadn't had any Top-10 recruiting classes the last five years. It's more important what they do when they step on campus.

On what he looks for in a quarterback: Leadership, good person, decision-making, ability to learn and be a good team player.

Looks like he found all that and more.



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Keith Jackson

State of the Game

This college football season completes the first cycle of the Bowl Championship Series, which has been reasonably successful in the first go-round.

However, since the first breath of the idea it has been my argument that you need the top *four* teams involved in a semi-final and final arrangement so you don't make a mistake and miss the best team when you only choose two for the final game.

In game number three of the BCS series, I thought the computer fellows made a mistake. Actually, in the 2001 game you needed five teams to get rid of the deep, dark suspicion of regional bias.

But face the harsh reality of the business . . . with that much money on the line. . . in a system that is still evolving. . . ain't no sure thing that point of law will always equal justice.

At least that ghastly factor of margin of victory is supposed to be removed from the list of decision-making criteria. But a 21-point cap is a weak-kneed approach.

Like I said, the system is still evolving, and who knows — they may get it right one of these days. Good men are trying, and nobody tried harder than Roy Kramer.

(P.S. Three games in two weeks gives the television people a fair chance at amortizing what is a considerable cash commitment in Rights Fees.)

ABC Sports

The American Football Coaches Association in convention in Atlanta last January went on record in capital letters for a full fifth year of eligibility. On the average, players are taking five years to get their degree already. Clean it up. . .let 'em have five years (to play), because the game of football has a relatively high rate of attrition, both physically and academically. Hard to concentrate with a broken foot or an ACL or the lingering effects of even a minor concussion. If a student who is on an athletic grant-in-aid is injured, that student effectively remains part of the mix — “on the payroll” — so why not clean it up?

In his State of the Association address to the NCAA Convention this year, President Cedric Dempsey talked a lot about money, with good reason. In sum, the 970 member schools are bringing in \$3 billion annually but are spending \$4.1 billion. Not so good, eh?

Every time I see or hear something like this, it just hardens my conviction that football should never have been part of the overall mix when Title IX arrived as an unfunded

mandate. Take 85 scholarships out of the mix, and the progress toward parity would be less clumsy. And many of the Olympic sports that have been booted would still be on many campuses. Sports like swimming, diving, gymnastics, field hockey and some others have been lost because of the crunch.

My mailman will quake at reading this, because his truck will be tilted until it gets to the office. My suggestion...spare the trees...My mind is made up. Revenue producing has to get greater consideration in the mix, and you oughta take care of the primary producers of existing revenue instead of dumping more demands on their backs.

Women's basketball and softball have become revenue producers, some places big-time. And those Athletic Directors with the biggest smiles work in “those” places.

More million-dollar coaches as we go into the season. More growling from the academic ranks.

If tenure had been part of the deal 50 years ago, we probably wouldn't have what we have. But firing the coach these days is an accepted practice, and you ain't normal if

you don't enjoy having some security.

One of the good things that is happening some places is that the assistant coaches are getting more attention. . .and more meaningful money. Stability in a coaching staff is the greatest asset a program can have. Even if it means the head man takes a little less. It happens, not often, but it is happening more often. A coach is a teacher too.

One of the entertaining things about college football is. . .change!

New people every season, and some years some new teams suddenly appear on the national horizon.

For example, the annual Oregon-Oregon State game, called the Civil War in the Willamette Valley, will be played on the first of December and is in line for a national telecast. There are many in the West who suggest both could be in the poll's Top Ten by then.

Yep. . .change is entertaining, but never let it be at the expense of tradition and continuity. I have always found something to enjoy in every college football game I have ever seen, and I hope you have too.

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Larry Kinkner

Florida

The 2001 season looks like a slam dunk for Florida. Eight offensive and nine defensive starters are back for the defending Southeastern Conference champs.

At quarterback, coach Steve Spurrier can choose between Rex Grossman, who led the SEC in passing efficiency as a redshirt freshman in 2000, and Brock Berlin, last year's heralded recruit. Wideouts Jabar Gaffney and Reche Caldwell caught 20 touchdown passes between them, and Gaffney set NCAA Division I-A freshman records for receiving yards and TD catches. Running back returnees Earnest Graham and Robert Gillespie took the pressure off the Fun'n'Gun with a combined 1,354 rushing yards at 5.5 per carry. Center David Jorgensen, guard Thomas Moody and All-America candidate Mike Pearson at tackle all started every game last season.

End Alex Brown and cornerback Lito Sheppard are returning All-Americans on defense. Sheppard scored once with an interception and twice on punt returns. Brown is a terror on the pass rush, having amassed 22.5 career sacks. Speed and depth abound at linebacker. Junior college All-American Bryan Savelio will fill one of the holes at defensive tackle.

Tennessee visits The Swamp on Sept. 15, but the Vols haven't won there in their last seven tries. The season finale against Florida State is also slated for Gainesville.

Happy New Year: The Gators have appeared in January bowl games in each of the last eight seasons, a new SEC record.

Record breaker: Senior placekicker Jeff Chandler is Florida's all-time career scoring leader with 265 points.

Way to go, Steve: Before Spurrier returned to his alma mater as coach in 1990, the Gators had won zero SEC titles. In 2000, they won their sixth.

2000 results: 10-3 (8-1 SEC)

Returning starters: 8 offense, 9 defense, placekicker

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2 Nebraska



Steve Wollmann

The 2000 Cornhuskers won their school's sixth NCAA rushing title in the last nine years. Graduation losses have opened the door for juniors Darran Diedrick and Thunder Collins, who combined for 289 yards at 6.3 per carry, at I-back.

Eric Crouch stands as the all-time leading rusher among Nebraska quarterbacks with 2,319 yards. Tight end Tracey Wistrom's 22.3 yards-per-catch career average is a school record. The assembly line will crank out three new offensive line starters.

Defensive tackles Jason Lohr and Jeremy Slechta, linebacker Scott Shanle and cornerbacks Erwin Swiney and Keyuo Craver should keep the end zone free of enemy invaders.

Nebraska will host Notre Dame on Sept. 8, and late-season clashes with Oklahoma and K-State are also slated for Lincoln.

Lighting it up: Nebraska set an all-time bowl scoring record in a 66-17 rout of Northwestern in the 2000 Alamo Bowl.

Pass the syrup: Nebraska's 335-pound left guard Toniui Fonoti set a school record as a sophomore last season with 155 pancake blocks (14.1 per game).

Not in our house: Over the last nine years, the Huskers have won 56 of 57 home games.

2000 results: 10-2 (6-2 Big 12)

Returning starters: 4 offense, 9 defense, placekicker

Virginia Tech 3

Heading into last season, Virginia Tech coach Frank Beamer had to work eight new starters into his defensive lineup. This year, Michael Vick's departure for the NFL poses the challenge. Junior Grant Noel, who has seen limited duty over the last two seasons, and redshirt freshman Jason Davis will attempt to fill the void.



Ric Fogel

Tailback Lee Suggs led the nation in scoring and the Big East in rushing in 2000. He ran for 27 touchdowns. Wide receiver André Davis sports a 21.3-yard per catch career average and finished second nationally last fall with 22 yards per punt return, three of which he took back for scores. And of nine returning defensive starters, four were 2000 All-Big East performers and two were Freshman All-Americans.

The Hokies will have two weeks to prepare for the 2001 finale against Miami on Dec. 1, in Blacksburg.

Hokie heyday: Virginia Tech posted an 11-1 record and finished in the Top 10 in each of the last two seasons.

A pair of fives: The Hokies finished 2000 ranked fifth nationally in both rushing and scoring offense.

Postseason fixture: Virginia Tech has appeared in bowl games after each of the last eight seasons, winning four.

2000 results: 11-1 (6-1 Big East)

Returning starters: 6 offense, 9 defense, both kickers

4 Florida State



Chris Covatta

Wave bye-bye to Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke and a host of high-impact personnel, and say hello to a new cavalcade of stars.

Mobility at the quarterback position will improve markedly regardless of who wins the battle between Chris Rix and Anquan Boldin. With Atreus Bell, Robert Morgan, et. al., wide

receiver looks anything but graduation-depleted. Junior Nick Maddox, the nation's top tailback recruit two years ago, will run behind a line anchored by All-America tackle Brett Williams.

Middle linebacker Bradley Jennings, safety Chris Hope and tackle Darnell Dockett return to steady the defense.

The Sept. 15 date with Georgia Tech could be an early-season stumbling block. Miami visits Tallahassee in midseason, and November finds the Noles traveling to Clemson and Florida.

Battlin' Bobby: Bobby Bowden's 315 wins place him fourth on the all-time Division I-A coaching victory list.

Passing fancy: Florida State finished the 2000 season ranked atop the national charts in both passing offense and total offense, and third in scoring.

Slippage: The 2000 Seminoles finished outside the final AP Top Four for the first time after a 13-year run. They were fifth.

2000 results: 11-2 (8-0 ACC)

Returning starters: 5 offense, 4 defense, placekicker

Oklahoma 5

His name's not Heupel. It's Hybl. Nate Hybl, that is. And he's the new Oklahoma quarterback. Hybl transferred from Georgia two years ago and spent last season backing up Heisman Trophy runner-up Josh Heupel. Of Hybl's nine completions in 16 attempts last fall, two were for scores.



Al Koolstra

All of the receivers and three starting O-linemen are back for the Sooners, as is running back Quentin Griffin, who provided OU with the ground game its coaches so earnestly sought prior to the 2000 campaign.

Linebacker Rocky Calmus racked up 128 tackles last fall, including 17 for a loss, and is the Butkus Award heir apparent.

A Texas team consumed by revenge lies in wait at the Texas State Fair on Oct. 6. The Oct. 27 Nebraska game is in Lincoln.

Streaky: Oklahoma can boast both the longest winning streak in NCAA Division I-A history (47 games from 1953-57) and the longest current winning streak at 13 games.

Bring 'em on: The 2000 Sooners vanquished then-No. 1 Nebraska, No. 2 Florida State and No. 3 Kansas State.

No. 2 and trying harder: With their next No. 1 final ranking, the Sooners will tie Notre Dame for the most AP national titles with eight.

2000 results: 13-0 (8-0 Big 12)

Returning starters: 8 offense, 6 defense, both kickers

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6 Tennessee



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The Big Orange Nation has been spoiled by backs such as James Stewart, Jamal Lewis and Travis Henry over the last decade. Senior Travis Stephens, a part-time starter for the Volunteers' 1998 national championship team, and a stable of talented freshmen, should carry on the tradition.

Quarterback Casey Clausen completed better than 62 percent of his passes and led Tennessee to six straight wins to close the 2000 regular season. Donte' Stallworth and Eric Parker are game-breaking threats at wide receiver.

Tackle John Henderson, one of eight returning defensive starters, captured last year's Outland Trophy.

The Vols venture into the Swamp, the scene of seven straight defeats, on Sept. 15. In November they travel to Notre Dame.

High percentage: Phillip Fulmer still carries the highest winning percentage of any active Division I-A coach at .824 (84-18).

School of hard knocks: Clausen's freshmanhood showed in the 2001 Cotton Bowl, where the K-State defense held him to 7-of-25 for 120 yards.

Big shoes to fill: Travis Henry exits Knoxville as UT's all-time leading rusher with 3,078 yards.

2000 results: 8-4 (5-3 SEC)

Returning starters: 7 offense, 8 defense, placekicker

Michigan 7



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Michigan quarterback John Navarre started the first four games of the 2000 season as a redshirt freshman in place of an injured Drew Henson and finished the year 40-for-77 for 583 yards and eight touchdowns. Tailback Chris Perry should pick up where Anthony Thomas left off, and Marquise Walker headlines a talented receiver corps. The O-line will be rebuilt around returning starter Jonathan Goodwin and 6'6", 300-pound sophomores Tony Pape and Demetrius Solomon.

Michigan's linebackers — Larry Foote, Eric Brackins and Victor Hobson — combined for 31 tackles behind the line, and cornerback Todd Howard registered six interceptions last fall. End Jake Frysinger's return should enliven the pass rush.

The Sept. 8 road trip to Washington will be an early test. Purdue and Ohio State both must travel to Ann Arbor.

Four in a row: Michigan's 31-28 win over Auburn in the 2001 Citrus Bowl was its fourth-straight bowl victory.

Silver medals: The Wolverines finished second in the Big Ten in both scoring offense and scoring defense.

Good omen: Through the first two weeks of the 2000 season, Navarre led the nation's quarterbacks in passing efficiency.

2000 results: 9-3 (6-2 Big Ten)

Returning starters: 5 offense, 8 defense, dual-purpose kicker

8 Oregon



Brian Eber

Oregon quarterback Joey Harrington returns after leading the Pac-10 in passing yards, passing touchdowns and total offense a year ago and is 14-2 as a starter. Tailback Maurice Morris ran for 1,106 yards and eight scores in 2000. Junior wideout Keenan Howry is on pace to become the school's career receptions leader.

The offensive line that allowed the fewest sacks of any team in the conference returns three starters plus tight end Justin Peelle.

End Seth McEwen is the only returning full-time starter in the defensive front seven, but Zack Freiter finished the season as a starting tackle. The secondary, the Pac-10's best, returns three starters led by All-America cornerback Rashad Bauman.

The 2001 schedule begins with Wisconsin and ends with Oregon State — both at Eugene.

Pac-10 powerhouse: Since Mike Bellotti became head coach in 1995, Oregon has compiled a six-year record of 49-22, best in the Pac-10.

Keep-away: The 2000 Ducks led the conference in time of possession at 31:55 per game.

Home sweet Autzen: Oregon has strung together the nation's second-longest home-field winning streak at 20.

2000 results: 10-2 (7-1 Pac-10)

Returning starters: 8 offense, 4 defense, no kickers

Miami 9



Chris Covatta

Larry Coker, Miami's offensive coordinator since 1995, can call on quarterback Ken Dorsey and 13 returning starters to ease him into his head coaching tenure.

Dorsey was the Big East's top passer last season, throwing for 2,727 yards and 25 touchdowns with just five interceptions. Tackles Joaquin Gonzalez and Bryant McKinnie bookend the best offensive line in the country and Jeremy Shockey is the league's top tight end, but new running backs and wide receivers will have to step up.

Miami finished third nationally in 2000 with 23 pass thefts, and returning All-American Ed Reed picked off eight. D.J. Williams moved from fullback to linebacker in the spring.

The Canes will have the home field against nemesis Washington this time around, but must travel to Penn State in the Sept. 1 opener and Florida State on Oct. 13.

Dynamic duo: Santana Moss and Reggie Wayne depart Miami as the top two receivers in school history.

Air tight: Miami's offensive line in 2000 allowed just eight sacks in 348 passing plays.

Good decisions: Dorsey set a Miami record last season by throwing 193 straight passes without an interception.

2000 results: 11-1 (7-0 Big East)

Returning starters: 5 offense, 8 defense, both kickers



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UCLA



Peter Brouillet

On the first offensive play of the 2000 season, UCLA quarterback Cory Paus separated his shoulder and missed the next three games, yet he still became only the third Bruin sophomore to throw for over 2,000 yards in a season.

Brian Poli-Dixon and Tab Perry should provide Paus with plenty of open targets. Tailback DeShaun Foster landed on the All-Pac-10 first team despite missing a game and a half with a broken hand.

Dominating, 6'6", 281-pound defensive end Kenyon Coleman, who missed most of last season with a knee injury, is back as a fifth-year senior. If the three-man tackle rotation of Ken Kocher, Anthony Fletcher and Rodney Leisle can stay healthy for a change, a sharp upswing in run defense can be expected.

The Bruins open the 2001 season with a return trip to Alabama on Sept. 1 and close with the USC game on Nov. 17.

Ground meat: UCLA finished last in the Pac-10 in both rushing offense and rushing defense.

Medical center: Injuries led Bruin coach Bob Toledo to start nine different players on the defensive line.

More to come: With two years left to play, Paus ranks eighth on UCLA's career passing yardage list.

2000 results: 6-6 (3-5 Pac-10)

Returning starters: 7 offense, 7 defense, both kickers

Oregon State 11

Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson needs to replace all-star starters at wide receiver and defensive end, but wideout Andre Cyrus and end Jayson Jean-Baptiste are junior college transfers who could step in and contribute immediately.

Quarterback Jonathan Smith is back after picking Notre Dame apart in the Fiesta Bowl. Ken Simonton, the nation's second-leading returning Heisman vote-getter, and Patrick McCall both return after combining for over 2,200 rushing yards last fall. All-Pac-10 center Chris Gibson spearheads the offensive line.

If junior Dennis Weathersby isn't the conference's best cover corner, he's one of the top two. Richard Seigler collected Freshman All-America honors in 2000 at middle linebacker.

After Washington visits Corvallis in November, the Beavers have three weeks to prepare for Oregon on Dec. 1.

Good points: The 2000 Beavers led the Pac-10 in both scoring offense (32.6) and scoring defense (18.5).

Ken can: In 2001, Simonton can become only the fifth player in NCAA history to rush for 1,000 yards in four straight seasons.

Give and take: Oregon State registered a turnover margin of plus-1.45 per game last fall, fourth-best in the nation.

2000 results: 11-1 (7-1 Pac-10)

Returning starters: 4 offense, 5 defense, placekicker



Peter Brouillet

12 Kansas State



Tim Umphrey

Replacing Jonathan Beasley at quarterback for the Wildcats will be either sophomore Ell Roberson, Beasley's backup last fall, or juco Offensive Player of the Year Marc Dunn, who threw for 4,351 yards and 42 touchdowns last year at Ricks (Idaho) College. Wide receiver Aaron Lockett needs 990 receiving yards to

take first place in that category on the K-State career charts, and he's also the nation's best punt returner.

Three returning offensive line starters and the team's top rusher in '00, Josh Scobey, will keep the ground game rolling. Senior Ben Leber and a proven linebacker corps will cement the defense while eight new starters break in.

Texas is absent from the 2001 slate, but Oklahoma (Sept. 29) and Nebraska (Nov. 10) both must be dealt with on the road.

On a roll: Kansas State is one of just two schools to have won at least 11 games in each of the last four seasons.

Program maker: In the 35 years prior to Bill Snyder's arrival as K-State coach (1954 through '88) the Wildcats won 97 games. In the 12 years since, they've won 99.

Defense: The 2000 Wildcats ranked fourth nationally in total defense, allowing 270.5 yards per game.

2000 results: 11-3 (6-3 Big 12)

Returning starters: 6 offense, 3 defense, punter

Georgia Tech 13

George Godsey took the baton from 1999 Heisman Trophy runner-up Joe Hamilton as Georgia Tech's quarterback and never looked back. The senior from Tampa, Fla., completed 64 percent of his passes for 2,906 yards and 23 touchdowns and enters 2001 with Heisman aspirations of his own.

As wide receivers, Kelly Campbell and Kerry Watkins remain a dangerous duo. Tailback Joe Burns again spearheads the running game behind three returning offensive line regulars.

Nine starters are back on defense, including end Greg Gathers, who finished third in the nation last season with 13 sacks.

The Yellow Jackets' conference slate opens with a Sept 15 trip to Florida State, followed by two weeks to prepare for Clemson's visit to Grant Field on the 29th.

So much for experience: The 2000 Yellow Jacket defense finished 12th nationally against the run and 20th against scoring with six freshman and sophomore starters.

Even Bobby Dodd? George O'Leary compiled more victories (45) in his first six years than any other Georgia Tech head coach.

That's my ball: The 2000 Yellow Jackets finished second in the nation in turnover margin at plus-1.64 per game.

2000 results: 9-3 (6-2 ACC)

Returning starters: 7 offense, 9 defense, both kickers



Charles Small

14 Notre Dame



Peter Brouillet

The Irish were treading water at 2–2 last season with a backup tight end at quarterback when coach Bob Davie gave the ball to Matt LoVecchio, and the freshman signal-caller took charge like a veteran. He's not a spectacular passer, but he is accurate and makes good decisions.

When the offensive line brings its 'A' game, tailbacks Tony Fisher, Julius Jones and Terrance Howard shove the ball down opponents' throats. Converted quarterback Arnaz Battle bolsters an already capable wide receiver corps.

Determined leadership from senior ends Anthony Weaver and Grant Irons and linebacker Rocky Boiman would solidify a defensive front that has some vacancies to fill.

The season opens at Nebraska. On Nov. 3 at South Bend, explosive Tennessee will exploit Notre Dame's cornerback woes.

No-pilfer zone: The eight turnovers committed by the Irish during the 2000 regular season tied an all-time NCAA record low.

O-line's day off: During the Fiesta Bowl, Notre Dame managed just 17 yards on the ground, the fewest in a single game by an Irish team in 35 years.

Bowl-game bummer: The Irish have come out losers in their last five bowl appearances.

2000 results: 9–3

Returning starters: 7 offense, 6 defense, both kickers

Texas 15



Chris Covatta

Major Applewhite has completed more passes for more yards than any other quarterback in Longhorn history — and he's the backup. Coach Mack Brown has installed Chris Simms as a solid No. 1.

Sophomores Roy Williams and B.J. Johnson are lethal receiving threats. Victor Ike, a dangerous kick returner, and heralded incoming freshman Cedric Benson will provide the running balance behind four returning offensive line starters.

End Cory Redding and linebacker De'Andre Lewis give the defense some teeth up front, and three starters are back from a secondary that topped the nation in pass efficiency defense.

After last year's 63–14 loss to Oklahoma, Oct. 6, 2001 can't come too soon for the Longhorns. That's the date of this year's Red River Shootout.

Nine-win wall: Mack Brown's final marks in his three years at Texas: 9–3, 9–5, 9–3.

Long time running: Texas has had backs run for over 1,000 yards in each of the last six seasons.

Major records: Major Applewhite is the only quarterback in Longhorn history to throw for 2,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.

2000 results: 9–3 (7–1 Big 12)

Returning starters: 9 offense, 8 defense, no kickers

16 Ohio State



Courtland Richards

Jim Tressel's arrival at Ohio State as head coach was greeted by 12 returning starters and a healthy competition at quarterback. After throwing too many interceptions last year, two-year starter Steve Bellisari is looking over his shoulder at sophomores Scott McMullen and Craig Krenzler.

The big-back attack features 230-pound tailbacks Jonathan Wells and Sam Maldonado. The top returning receiver is tight end Darnell Sanders, whose five touchdown receptions led the team.

Linebacker Joe Cooper and strong safety Mike Doss are All-Americans on a defense that should only get tougher to score against after holding opponents to 18 points per game last fall.

The Buckeyes will travel to UCLA in September and Michigan in November. Northwestern and Purdue will play at Columbus.

The Penguin: In his 15 years as Youngstown State's head coach, Tressel led the Penguins to the Division I-AA playoffs 10 times and won four national championships.

Sack fest: Ohio State's defense sacked opposing quarterbacks a Big Ten-high 45 times, 13 more than second-place Purdue.

Tough going: The 2000 Buckeye defense ranked ninth nationally against the run and 12th in points allowed per game.

2000 results: 8–4 (5–3 Big Ten)

Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense, punter

Miss. State 17



David Preston

Mississippi State coach Jackie Sherrill welcomes back 13 starters from last year's Independence Bowl champions, and the key returnee is quarterback Wayne Madkin, the school's all-time leading passer. Madkin's favorite target, split end Terrell Grindle, also returns, and the Bulldogs boast the top tailback twosome in the SEC — Denczo Miller and Dontae Walker.

Some rebuilding is in order on defense, especially in the line, but linebacker Mario Haggan and Dog safety Pig Prather are all-conference returnees.

The Bulldogs trek to Florida on Sept. 29 to face a Gator team still smarting from last year's 47–35 loss in Starkville. The LSU game at Scott Field on Oct. 20 could be for the Western Division title.

Twice is nice: The Bulldogs can claim a second consecutive postseason victory for the first time in school history.

Best of the West: Mississippi State has the best regular-season record in the SEC West over the last four years at 31–13.

And still counting: Jackie Sherrill became the winningest coach in Mississippi State history last year with a 29–7 win over Alabama, his alma mater.

2000 results: 8–4 (4–4 SEC)

Returning starters: 8 offense, 5 defense, no kickers

18 Northwestern



Brian Ebner

The offense installed by coach Randy Walker at Northwestern last year racked up 5,232 yards and 424 points during the regular season — and all but one starter is back.

Running back Damien Anderson enters 2001 as a leading Heisman Trophy candidate after rushing for 1,914 yards (6.5 per carry) and 22 touchdowns last year. Quarterback Zak Kustok added 2,251 yards and 18 TDs through the air and is back along with his top three receivers. The offensive line returns intact.

All-Big Ten linebacker Billy Silva is one of six returning starters on a defense that could benefit from the presence of some high-profile recruits.

The Wildcats will have to tangle with both Ohio State and Purdue on the road. A rematch of last year's Northwestern-Michigan barn burner is not on the docket for this year.

High octane: Northwestern finished third nationally in total offense and ninth in scoring offense.

On the other hand: The Wildcat defense allowed an average of over 400 yards and 30 points per game.

Fumble-free: Damien Anderson carried the ball 293 times last season and did not fumble once.

2000 results: 8-4 (6-2 Big Ten)

Returning starters: 10 offense, 6 defense, punter

LSU 19

Josh Booty's early departure for the NFL draft leaves senior Rohan Davey firmly in command as LSU's quarterback. Davey is known at least as much for his fiery leadership as for any of his more tangible skills.

Wide receiver Josh Reed made a smooth transition from tailback and led the SEC in receiving yardage last fall at 102.5 per game. Tight end Robert Royal averaged 15.5 yards per catch and scored five times. The team's top three rushers, led by LaBrandon Toefield, also return.

Ten defensive starters are back, including the entire front four and the most talented linebacker corps in the league — Trev Faulk, Bradie James and Jeremy Lawrence.

In order to capture the SEC West crown in 2001, the Tigers will have to beat Mississippi State and Alabama on the road.

Bumper crop: The incoming class of Bayou Bengals includes six *USA Today* All-Americans and three *Parade* All-Americans.

Better half: Rohan Davey came off the bench in last year's Peach Bowl and responded with a 17-of-25, 174-yard, three TD second half in the Tigers' 28-14 comeback win over Georgia Tech.

Picking peaches: Josh Reed's Peach Bowl second half — nine catches, including a touchdown and a two-point conversion.

2000 results: 8-4 (5-3 SEC)

Returning starters: 7 offense, 10 defense, both kickers



Larry Hinker

20 Clemson



Allen Kae

Players who accounted for 99 percent of last year's Clemson offense return in 2001. Quarterback Woodrow Dantzler averaged 300 yards of total offense per game. His backup is Willie Simmons, who threw for eight scores and just three INTs. The team's top six rushers are back, led by Dantzler and running back Travis Zachery, each of whom reached the 1,000-yard plateau last fall. Center Kyle Young and guard Will Merritt, both All-ACC performers, pave the way.

Linebacker Chad Carson led the Tigers in tackles with 156, eight more than departed Butkus Award finalist Keith Adams.

The Tigers' Sept. 29 trip to Georgia Tech and the Florida State game at Clemson on Nov. 3 will help determine the ACC title.

9+3=12: Clemson's record has improved by three games in each of Tommy Bowden's first two years at the school.

Scoring machines: In four years as a head coach (two at Tulane, two at Clemson), Bowden's teams have averaged 35 points per game.

Hitting the books: Clemson was the only Division I school with two first-team Academic All-Americans last season — center Kyle Young and linebacker Chad Carson.

2000 results: 9-3 (6-2 ACC)

Returning starters: 7 offense, 4 defense, placekicker

Washington 21

Sophomore Cody Pickett is the favorite to take over for record-setting Husky quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo. In the Rose Bowl, Pickett was inserted for a temporarily roughed-up Tuiasosopo and completed his only two tosses during a touchdown drive that eventually sealed the game.

Pickett can turn to the top three wide receivers from last year plus Chris Juergens, the team's leading receiver in 1999 who sat out 2000 with a knee injury, and 6'7" Jerramy Stevens, the Pac-10's premier tight end. Four tailback returnees combined for 1,682 yards and 18 touchdowns. All-America nose tackle Larry Tripplett spearheads the defensive charge.

No one can accuse Washington of padding its schedule with non-conference fluff. The first two games of 2001 are Michigan and at Miami. League favorite Oregon is absent from the slate.

Ball! Washington recovered 18 enemy fumbles in 2000, tied for third in the nation.

Mush! The Huskies led the Pac-10 in rushing last season at 211.7 yards a game.

No repeat rule: No team has repeated as Pac-10 champion since Washington did so in 1990, '91, and '92.

2000 results: 11-1 (7-1 Pac-10)

Returning starters: 4 offense, 6 defense, placekicker



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- Actual School Points Allowed is based on the final score of the game versus the school selected.
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Total Offensive Yards (1 pt. for every 20 yds.) 0.05 Point

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Def. Rushing Yds. Allowed (200 - Pass Yds Allowed) x 0.3
Total Def. Yds. Allowed (400 - Total Yds Allowed) x 0.3

Each team owner will pick 2 schools in each of the 8 categories. Thus, each team will consist of 8 offensive scoring category schools and 8 defensive scoring category schools.

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THE SCHOOLS

1 AIR FORCE	28 KANSAS ST.	55 RUTGERS
2 ALABAMA	29 KENTUCKY	56 SAN DIEGO ST.
3 ARIZONA	30 LOUISVILLE	57 SOUTH CAROLINA
4 ARIZONA ST.	31 LSU	58 SOUTHERN CAL
5 ARKANSAS	32 MARYLAND	59 SOUTHERN MISS
6 ARMY	33 MEMPHIS	60 STANFORD
7 AUBURN	34 MIAMI-FLORIDA	61 SYRACUSE
8 BAYLOR	35 MICHIGAN	62 TEMPLE
9 BOSTON COLLEGE	36 MICHIGAN ST.	63 TENNESSEE
10 BRIGHAM YOUNG	37 MINNESOTA	64 TEXAS
11 CALIFORNIA	38 MISSISSIPPI	65 TEXAS A&M
12 CINCINNATI	39 MISSISSIPPI ST.	66 TEXAS TECH
13 CLEMSON	40 MISSOURI	67 TULANE
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OFFENSIVE PASSING YARDS			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2
OFFENSIVE RUSHING YARDS			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2
OFFENSIVE TOTAL YARDS			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2
DEFENSIVE POINTS ALLOWED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2
DEFENSIVE PASSING YARDS ALLOWED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2
DEFENSIVE RUSHING YARDS ALLOWED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2
DEFENSIVE TOTAL YARDS ALLOWED			
Id	School #1	Id	School #2



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22 Alabama



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Dennis Franchione's most obvious task in his first year as Alabama head coach is to decide on a quarterback. Will it be Andrew Zow, who completed 14 passes to the wrong-colored jerseys last season? Or Tyler Watts, who arrived amid much fanfare three years ago? Or this year's touted freshman, Brodie Croyle?

Whoever gets the nod can call on the team's top five receivers, including erstwhile Heisman candidate Freddie Milons. Ahmaad Galloway, Brandon Miree and Santonio Beard comprise a potent tailback committee.

Bama's defensive front, featuring ends Kenny King and Kindal Moorehead and linebacker Saleem Rasheed, is a formidable one.

UCLA visits Bama to open the season. LSU and Mississippi State trek to Tuscaloosa in November for key SEC West matchups.

Ebb Tide: Alabama's three wins last season were its fewest since 1957, the year before Bear Bryant returned to his alma mater.

Paltry point production: Alabama averaged 20.7 points per game — 11th in the SEC — in 2000.

Red elephants: Get a load of Bama offensive linemen Dante Ellington (354 pounds) and Dennis Alexander (339), and defensive tackles Anthony Bryant (349) and Mac Tyler (335).

2000 results: 3-8 (3-5 SEC)

Returning starters: 7 offense, 6 defense, both kickers

Colorado St. 23



Tim Clark/Athlon Sports

Colorado State has the Mountain West Conference in a stranglehold, and don't expect its grip to loosen just because all-conference quarterback Matt Newton graduated. The new signal-caller will be either last year's backup, D.J. Busch, or Michigan State transfer Bradley Van Pelt.

Cecil Sapp rushed for 841 yards last fall at 5.6 per carry. Wide receiver Pete Rebstock hauled in 46 passes, six for scores, and led the conference in punt returns. Jose Ochoa is the reigning first-team All-MWC tight end.

Six starters are back on defense, but there is a hole in the middle of the line where both starting tackles have graduated.

The Rams will open the 2001 season with the first regular-season football game ever to be played at Invesco Field at Mile High in Denver when they take on Colorado on Sept. 1.

Liberty mark: Cecil Sapp set a Liberty Bowl record with 160 rushing yards in the Rams' 22-17 victory over Louisville.

Sonny days: Since Sonny Lubick arrived as head coach in 1993, Colorado State has won five conference championships.

Touchdown twins: Ram defensive backs Jason and Justin Gallimore, identical twin brothers, each scored a touchdown in a 37-13 win over Wyoming last year.

2000 results: 10-2 (6-1 MWC)

Returning starters: 6 offense, 6 defense, punter

24 Purdue



Peter Brouillet

Drew Brees made us all forget Billy Dicken. Can Brandon Hance repeat the feat with Brees? Hance, Purdue's new quarterback, is a self-described pass first-run second man, but there is no denying he brings a running threat to the position.

Leading receiver Vinny Sutherland has graduated, but John Standeford and Seth Morales are back after combining for 95 receptions in 2000. Tim Stratton caught 56 balls and won the inaugural John Mackey Award as the nation's best tight end. Running back Montrell Lowe returns after rushing for 919 yards and six TDs.

The Boilermaker defense may have to carry the team early until Hance can find his groove; fortunately, 10 starters are back.

Coach Joe Tiller gets to unleash his new quarterback on Notre Dame in the friendly confines of Ross-Ade Stadium on Sept. 15, but Michigan and Ohio State are both road games.

Air Tiller: Purdue led the Big Ten and finished sixth nationally with 312.5 passing yards per game.

Conversion chart: The Boilermakers converted third downs into first downs at a rate of 57.8 percent, highest in the conference.

Pocket protectors: In 497 pass plays last season, the Purdue offensive line surrendered just eight sacks.

2000 results: 8-4 (6-2 Big Ten)

Returning Starters: 5 offense, 10 defense, both kickers

Louisville 25



Dan Lauren

Coach John L. Smith turned the 1-10 Louisville team he inherited in 1998 into Conference USA champions in three years.

Quarterback Dave Ragone, the reigning C-USA Offensive Player of the Year, threw for 2,621 yards and 27 touchdowns in his first year as a starter. His arsenal bristles with weapons such as wide receiver Deion Branch (71 catches) and tight end Ronnie Ghent, both first-team all-conference selections, and running back Tony Stallings (810 yards).

Dewayne White and Michael Josiah combined for 25 sacks last fall and return at defensive end. Behind them is All-America free safety Anthony Floyd, who hit the top of the Division I-A interception chart last year with 10.

The next-to-last game of the 2001 season, at East Carolina, could make or break the Cardinals' league title defense.

Many happy returns: Louisville finished second nationally in kickoff returns last season with a 26.1-yard average.

Pickin' em off: Louisville's 2000 defense intercepted more passes (27) than any other unit in the nation.

Dee-fense: The Cardinals turned in a fourth-place Division I-A effort against the run and finished 15th in total defense.

2000 results: 9-3 (6-1 C-USA)

Returning starters: 8 offense, 6 defense, both kickers

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Alabama (-6) UCLA	24-25	L
SMU (+4 1/2) over Kansas	31-17	W
Oklahoma (-26) UTEP	55-14	W

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Ravens (-2 1/2) Steelers	16-0	W
Saints (-1) Lions	10-14	L
Chargers (+6 1/2) Raiders	6-9	W
Panthers(+10 1/2) Redskins	17-20	W

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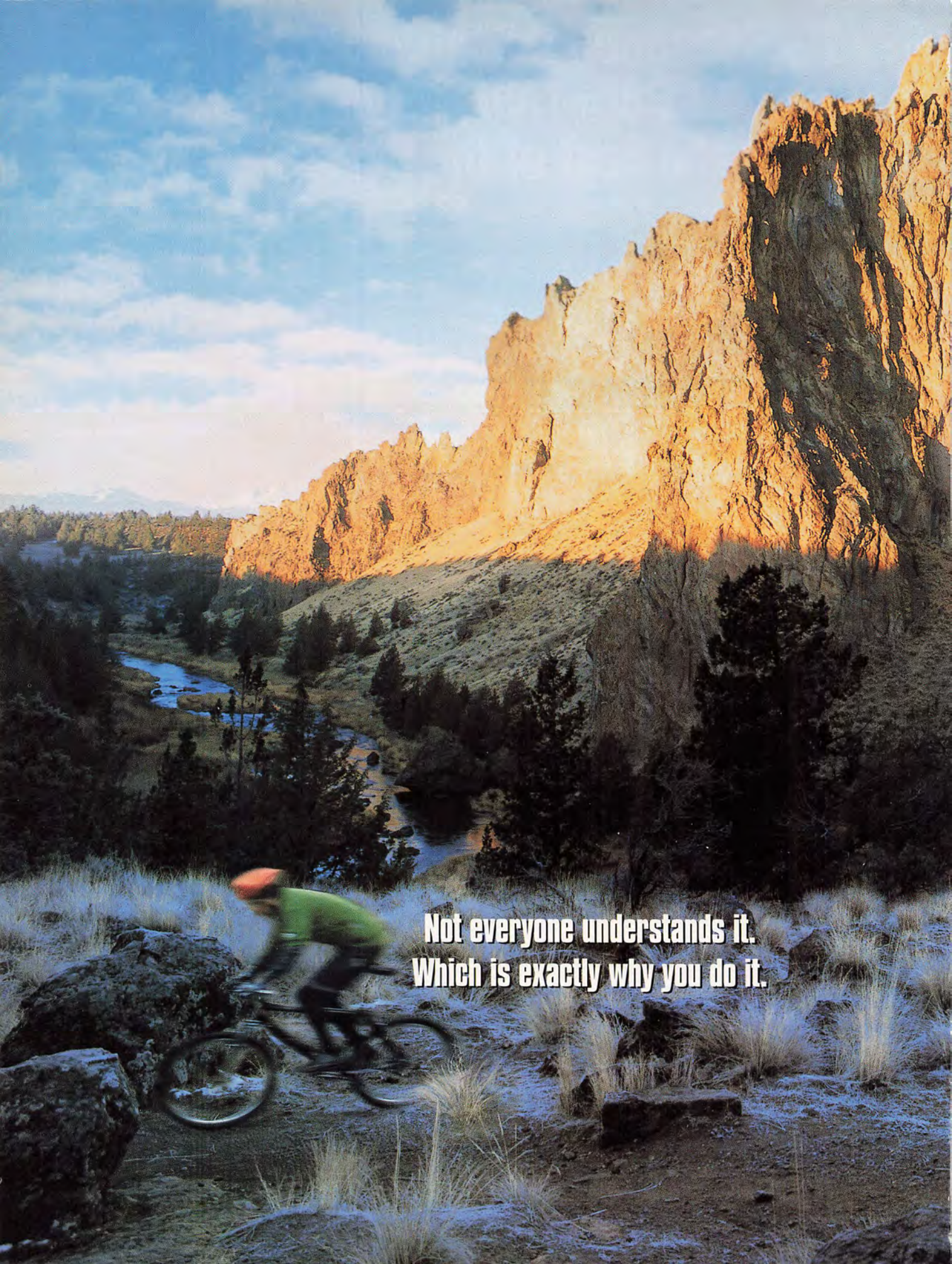
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Jarvis Redwine

By Mike Babcock

Jarvis Redwine last visited Nebraska for a game in September 1999. Redwine was among a group of former players who were to be introduced before the Southern Miss game as new members of the Nebraska football Hall of Fame.

Redwine attended a dinner for the inductees the night before the game. But when he arrived at Memorial Stadium the next morning, he encountered a problem shared by many in Lincoln — where to park?

He had stayed in Omaha and was running late, having underestimated the time it would take to travel the 50 or so miles to Lincoln, driving in the bumper-to-bumper traffic that clogs the west-bound lanes of Interstate 80 on home football Saturdays. He had made it,

but with little time to spare. He settled on a space near the since-raised Big Red Shop on the stadium's west side. Pleased with his good fortune, Redwine pulled into the space, but was quickly warned the vehicle would be towed.

"I'll be right back. I'm not going to stay for the game," he said.

That didn't matter, he was told. So he backed out of the space, pulled onto the interstate and returned to Omaha, where he spent the day with former Cornhusker teammate Brent Williams before returning to his home in Los Angeles.

The moral? Not much bothers Jarvis Redwine, who has learned to roll with life's punches.

"We had a good time," says the 44-year-old Redwine, who works in the Northwest Airlines ground services department at Los Angeles International Airport and coaches at Culver City High School, assisting with the varsity football team and the freshman baseball team and working for new mentors Jerry Chabola, the Culver City AD, and head baseball coach Rich Prieto.

Redwine was a good enough baseball player to be drafted by the Oakland Athletics out of high school, as a left-handed hitting outfielder. He still plays in a competitive senior league.

He also has invested in real estate in the Los Angeles area. "I'm not a millionaire," he says. "It's not a lavish life. But I'm not poor. I've always given a shout-out to God. That's what keeps me going. No matter how bad it seems to be, somebody's got it worse. I'm blessed."

Redwine has always exhibited that attitude. That's how he ended up transferring to Nebraska in the fall of 1978, after two seasons at Oregon State. The Beavers had won a recruiting battle for Redwine, whose running ability with a football at Inglewood (Calif.) High School had attracted attention from several Division I-A schools, including UCLA, Arizona State and Notre Dame. He picked Oregon State because of the opportunity to play immediately. But the opportunity came at a price. The Beavers rarely won.

Losing put pressure on the coaches, who put pressure on the players. "So I did the unorthodox thing. I dropped out of school," says Redwine. "I thought it would be better if I did something else."

"Something else" was construction work in Corvallis, which quickly lost its appeal. Redwine decided to try football again, at a different school. And that school turned out to be Nebraska.

His interest in the Cornhuskers was coincidental. He picked them primarily because of Gene Huey, currently an assistant for the Indianapolis Colts who was Nebraska's receivers coach at the time. Huey had tried to recruit Redwine out of high school while an assistant at New Mexico.

The story goes that Redwine was watching the 1977 Nebraska-Oklahoma game on television when he saw Huey on the Nebraska sideline and decided he would be a Cornhusker. But Redwine remembers it now as being less dramatic. He called New Mexico and found out Huey had gone to Nebraska.

A long distance phone call to Huey was all it took for him to transfer. "Gene told me, 'Hey, you'll be at the bottom of the totem pole,'"



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Redwine helped establish the great tradition of Nebraska I-backs during his All-America career.

Redwine says. "They didn't offer me anything."

Actually, Nebraska did offer him a new lease on his football life. In contemplating a transfer, "I got down on my knees and prayed," says Redwine. "And my prayers were answered."

Nebraska has long been a haven for walk-ons, and Redwine joined that largely anonymous group, practicing with the scout team while sitting out the 1978 season as a transfer.

Then he quickly shed the anonymity. In the third game in 1979, a nationally televised 42-17 victory against Penn State, he came off the bench to replace an injured Isaiah Hipp and rushed for 124 yards. Despite not starting until the fourth game, and being hampered by a knee injury suffered in the eighth game at Missouri, Redwine finished with 1,042 rushing yards, becoming only the fifth Cornhusker to reach 1,000.

His first season's performance earned him an endorsement from then-coach Tom Osborne as Nebraska's best chance at a Heisman Trophy winner since Johnny Rodgers in 1972. Redwine suffered a broken rib midway through his senior season, however, and dropped out of the Heisman race. Even so, he was the first Cornhusker to rush for 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons, gaining 1,119.

Because of the injuries, and an undeserved reputation for being a problem, the soft-spoken Redwine wasn't selected until the second round of the NFL draft, despite the rushing yardage and a 7.1-yards-per-carry average for his career. He was the 52nd pick overall, by the Minnesota Vikings.

Though he describes Bud Grant as a "class coach," his experience with the Vikings wasn't good. Almost all of the action he saw in three NFL seasons was on kickoff returns. "I was at Nebraska, a cold-weather school, but I'm a southern California guy. They (the Vikings)

knew that," Redwine says. "Here you have this hotdog — I was portrayed as that — going from one strict program to another. I went from wearing white shoes to black."

The Vikings drafted him with the idea of playing indoors, on an artificial surface at the Metrodome. But they still played outside at Metropolitan Stadium, on grass, his rookie season. And opinions regarding his ability were based on that. "This guy can't run in our offense," they concluded.

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"I wasn't suited to that team," he says. "I look at it like this. I went from a team that ran 90 percent of the time to a team that passed 90 percent of the time."

That's not to say Redwine holds a grudge against Grant. He considers himself lucky for having played for men like Osborne and Grant. "I was fortunate to be around some good coaches," he says.

His final NFL season was 1983. By then, he had an NFL lifestyle, but not a college degree. He still doesn't have one. But he hasn't dismissed the possibility of returning to Nebraska to finish. "That's what I want to do," he says. "But you get your feet planted in life, in a certain structure."



One of Redwine's competitive outlets, circa 2001, is his role as an assistant coach at Culver City High School in the Los Angeles area.

In the years after he left the Vikings, Redwine worked various jobs in the Minneapolis area. He coached. He worked at a halfway house. He counseled sex offenders. He worked for a Catholic Charities service, dealing with battered women. And he worked in a behavioral achievement center. At one point, "I was working close to five jobs," he says.

In 1988, two years after he began with Northwest Airlines, he and wife Frances divorced. And in 1991, he transferred to Los Angeles, to be close to his parents. His father is in a care facility now. His mother still lives in the house in which he grew up in Inglewood. "I weathered the storm, went through a lot of

stuff," he says. Leaving Minneapolis "was a chance to get my life together."

In addition to earning All-America honors, Redwine was twice selected as "the Most Popular Cornhusker" in voting sponsored by a Lincoln grocery chain. Nebraska fans also gave him the nickname "Marvelous Jarvis."

The decision to return to football after dropping out of Oregon State "was the best thing that could have happened," Redwine says. "The people (at Nebraska) are great. I'd do it again."

"Nobody in the world could get me to say anything bad about Nebraska."

Not even the threat of a tow outside Memorial Stadium.

George Rogers

The George Rogers Heisman Trophy room sits next to South Carolina's weight room and down the hall from the football team's meeting rooms. The Gamecocks' current players can't go anywhere in Williams-Brice Stadium without being constantly reminded of Rogers. Perhaps that's as it should be. Rogers, who won the Heisman in 1980, is generally considered to be the player who put South Carolina on the college football map.

No Gamecock before or since has generated the love and admiration of the school's fans the way Rogers did. That includes his days as a player then and his days now as a prominent figure in the community.



Wherever Rogers goes in Columbia, S.C., he is accompanied by that fun-loving grin and deep, contagious laugh that starts in his belly. As the father of three, Rogers, now 42, is an active and vibrant member of the Columbia community. His charitable work results in scholarships for underprivileged youth; few are more giving of their time in the schools.

He holds an annual charity golf tournament and sometimes spends his weekends working with a prison ministry.

"God isn't going to let me into heaven for winning the Heisman Trophy," Rogers says. "I've got to give something back because I've been so fortunate."

His biggest problems these days are coping with high blood pressure, losing weight and trying to lower his golf scores. But there was a time when Rogers' smile and jolly laugh weren't so easy to detect, when he didn't feel so fortunate.

"I'm glad I can smile now, but it hasn't always been so easy to smile," he says.

The story of how the George Rogers Foundation started can't be told without mentioning those times when he was less likely to smile. Indeed, life after football hasn't always provided Rogers with the direction it seems to have now. So it is with a deep breath that Rogers goes back to that dreadful day — "It brings back some bad memories" — April 7, 1990, when he was arrested for possession of cocaine.

By that time, he had been out of the NFL for two years and had gone to work as a fund raiser for USC. The arrest forced Rogers to resign his position with the university and to rethink his future.

He went into a drug rehabilitation clinic in the resort town of Hilton Head, S.C. The man who checked him in was Jim Carlen, his old coach at USC.

Carlen was one of a few father figures in Rogers' youth, most of them coaches who took the place of his real father. Because of a prison term, George Washington Rogers Sr. never saw his son run the football until George Jr. was a senior at USC.

Carlen, who was fired as the Gamecocks' coach after the 1981 season, retired to Hilton Head, and when Rogers needed him most, he was there.

Rogers spent 28 days in drug rehab, even though he still says he wasn't an addict. But he did know that things had to change. While in the clinic, Rogers learned a prayer that he still can recite.

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. After you say that for 28 straight days, you know what it means," Rogers says.

"I can't change the things that I did, but I do have the wisdom to know what I've done. Just because I've done those things doesn't mean I can't change. I changed the friends I had. I started going back to church. I started doing the things my old friends didn't like to do.

"Then I had to find a way to give back."

It was that newfound direction that led Rogers to start his schol-

Power, moves, speed — Rogers had it all, and he silenced many critics with an incredible rookie year in the NFL.

arship foundation. It wasn't much at the beginning; in fact, the funding in the first few years came straight out of Rogers' pocket. Then he and some friends came up with the idea of a celebrity golf tournament. Rogers used his connections with old buddies in the NFL, his fellow Heisman Trophy winners and former USC greats to bring together a star-studded cast each June in Columbia.

Now the foundation provides scholarships to anywhere from three to five youths who have overcome some obstacle to go to college. Additionally, Rogers donates a scholarship to the USC athletic department each year and, when he played in the NFL, Rogers started an endowed scholarship for the College of Applied Professional Sciences, from which he eventually earned his degree in 1989.

For a kid who graduated from high school with a 2.016 grade-point average — a 2.0 was required for a freshman athlete to be eligible in college — Rogers has made education the centerpiece of his relationship with his children.

While his two sons have inherited some of the athleticism that made Rogers one of the best rookies ever to hit the NFL, they seldom hear about football without first hearing about their books. He is determined that his children will have the guidance he never had.

"He's a wonderful dad," Carlen says.

Strip him of his 1,894 rushing yards as a senior at USC, his NFL-leading 1,674 rushing yards as a rookie with the New Orleans Saints, his Heisman Trophy, his Super Bowl ring — take it all, Rogers says. What he has left is his degree and his family. And that's plenty.

"I've lived the rich and the famous life. Now I'm living the moderate and conservative life," he says. "I used to drive a Porsche 928, now I drive a truck. My wife used to

drive a Mercedes, now she drives a Beetle. That's all right, that's great. I've got to take care of my kids."

Brandon, the oldest, is 20 years old and a rising redshirt sophomore defensive lineman at Furman University. Daughter LaShaun is 18 and has just finished high school. Trey (George Washington Rogers III) will be a high school junior this year, and he might have received the lion's share of athleticism in the family. He's an aspiring linebacker.

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Regardless of what they do in athletics, though, those kids know their father will be there for them, mostly with reminders about the importance of school. It shows; all three carry a 3.0 GPA or better.

"I know if my dad had been on me like I'm on them, I would have turned out just like them," Rogers says.

Rogers was one of five children raised by his mother in Atlanta. He often skipped school to work on labor gangs with the drunks and homeless just to make money to buy clothes.

Rogers remembers being so poor that he

once wrapped a gift for a friend in aluminum foil. It was all he could do to afford shoes to wear to school, so football shoes were out of the question.

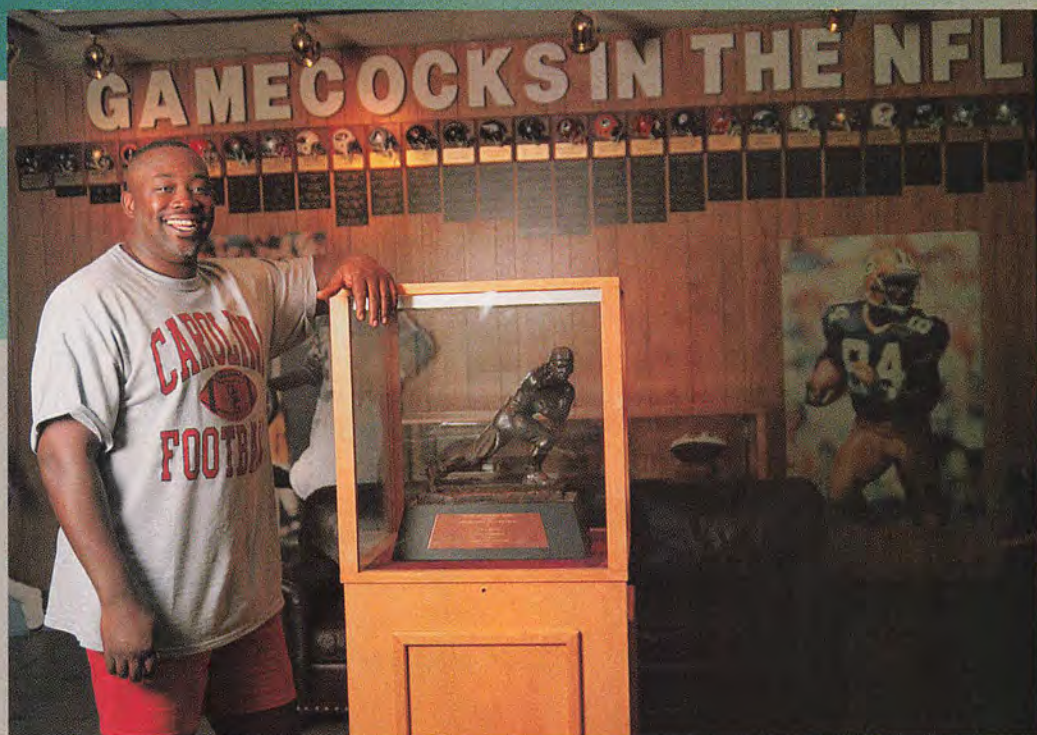
"I was about 12 years old," he says, "and I went out to play football in regular shoes. I'm not talking about tennis shoes, I mean like shoes, hard-bottom shoes. And they'd say 'Look at that boy go in dem shoes.'"

Tired of that life and the teasing he endured from classmates because of his tattered and dirty clothes, Rogers moved in with his aunt in Duluth, Ga. There, the first of Rogers' father figures came along in the person of high school coach Cecil Morris.

"He was a man playing in a boys' league," recalls Morris, who was the first person to put a whipping on Rogers that actually made him cry. "I said I didn't miss but one day of class. He told me you can't miss any if you want to play football on this team," Rogers says.

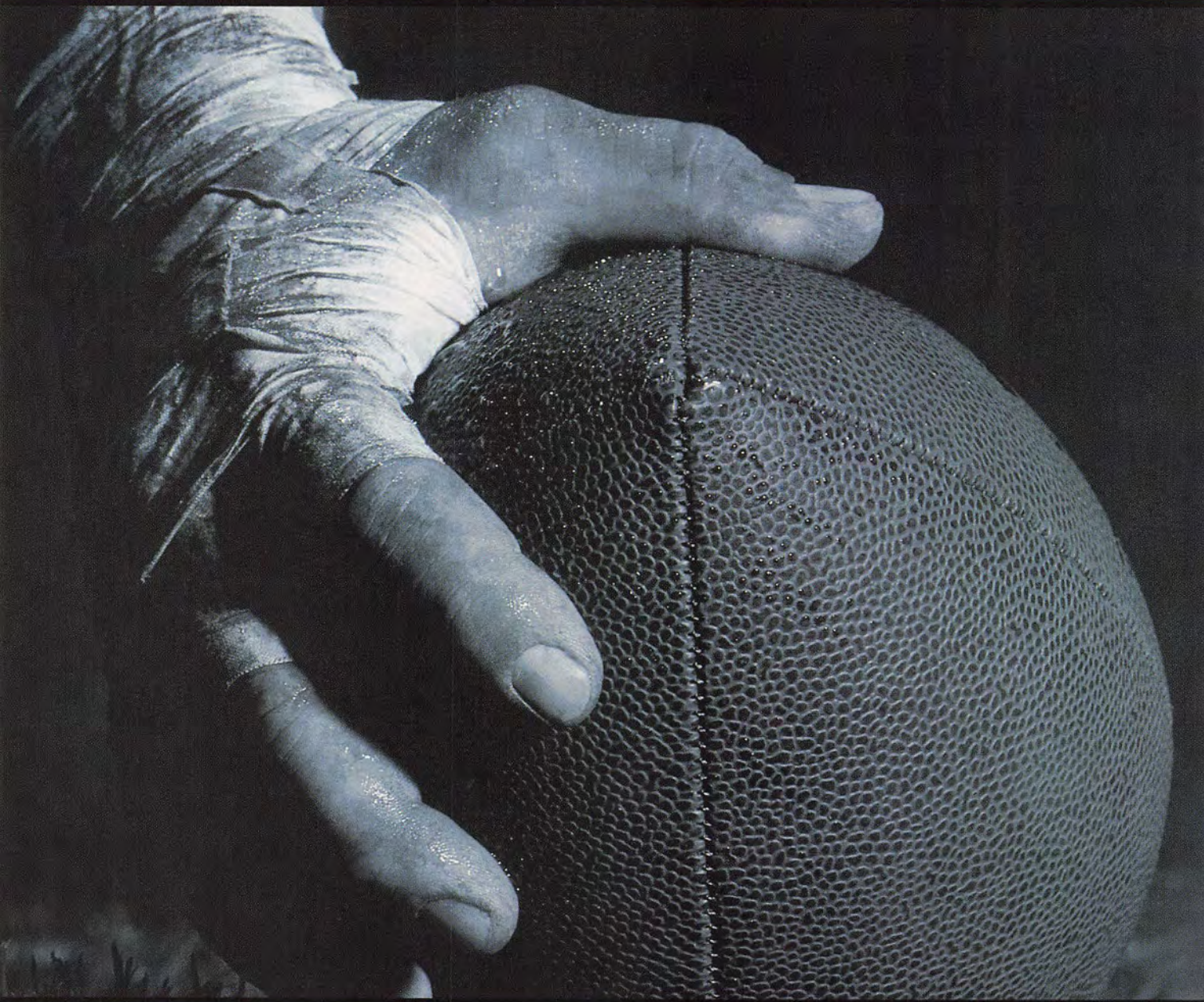
Rogers spent his junior and senior years in high school trying to recover academically from his first two years. He did, barely, and greatness awaited at South Carolina, where he'll forever be revered as the player who put the Gamecocks on the college football map.

But he'd just as soon be thought of as a caring father, someone who got a lot and gave back even more.



Reminders of Rogers' glory days at USC include his glass-encased Heisman Trophy. Rogers learned first-hand that a Heisman doesn't guarantee a life without adversity.

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Ken Margerum

He was just soooooo Stanford. The long hair. The surfer-dude attitude. The great hands. He took orders from Bill Walsh, he caught passes from John Elway and he became one of the greatest receivers in school history. He learned the West Coast offense and developed contacts up and down the coast.

So it all made perfect sense that Ken Margerum would one day return to the Bay Area and coach in the Pac-10 Conference, where aerial attacks light up the Saturday night skies.

But here's the kicker: Margerum's blood has turned blue and gold. He's at Cal.



No axe to grind: Margerum has no problem coaching for Cal, even though he played for hated rival Stanford.

"I take coaching as a totally different career than playing," says Margerum, who is entering his second season as the Bears' receivers coach. "It doesn't matter what color the uniform is. Berkeley's a great school and a great place to live.

"I don't get too involved in all the extracurriculars. I owe my whole career to Stanford and Bill Walsh. But it's great to cut my coaching teeth at Cal."

One of the greatest players in Stanford history has a blue sign on his desk that says, "Beat Stanford." He walks around Berkeley with a Stanford alumni tag on his key ring. The day he took the job, he went out and bought blue and gold sneakers. His wife, Joy, is an assistant track coach for the Bears. What gives?

"Every coach would love the opportunity to coach his alma mater, but it doesn't always work out that way," Cal head coach Tom Holmoe says. "And you have to take care of your family. Someday, Ken might end up at Stanford. But right now, his loyalties are unequivocally tied to us. No one even talks about it."

Except for parents of Southern California recruits, who remember Margerum from his playing days at Huntington Beach High School and Stanford. And since the Bears and Cardinal often recruit the same players, he is asked about both schools.

"The public-private thing comes up a lot," Margerum says. "Some families want the diversity and survival thing, and that's Cal. Stanford is more protected. They keep you directed. At Cal, the best man survives. I love them both."

Margerum, 42, was recruited by a handful of schools during his senior season in high school, including Colorado and Arizona State. He almost picked Utah, which was offering a \$5-an-hour job as a ski resort ranger. But at the last minute, Stanford coach Bill Walsh convinced the Margerums that Stanford was the place. Margerum walked onto campus and made an instant impression.

"He was the fastest white dude I had ever seen, and he had the best hands anybody had seen," says Darrin Nelson, the former Stanford star who has remained close to Margerum. "He was a tough kid. He'd get knocked silly, stumble off the field, and then come back to catch another ball over the middle.

"He'd get up in the morning and go surf, but come Saturday, you knew he'd be there. You look at Ken, and you think, 'Why would you want him on the team?' Then you look at the stat sheet, and he'd have 100 yards receiving."

Margerum was a consensus All-American in 1979 and 1980, and he still holds the Pac-10 record for career touchdowns (30). He was a third-round pick of the Chicago Bears and spent five years with Mike Ditka and the gang. Given their off-beat interests, no one was surprised that Margerum and Jim McMahon became fast friends.

"My favorite memory is being the scout-team receiver going against Buddy Ryan's defense every day in practice," Margerum says. "It was impossible — just impossible. But it made me tough. I'm not so sure how much Ditka liked me, but I think he respected me."

Margerum spent most of the 1986 and all of the 1987 season with

Walsh and the 49ers, where he refined his knowledge of the West Coast offense. He left the game, moved to Hawaii and tried his hand at real estate. "Not enough personal satisfaction," he says.

Eventually, Margerum became an assistant coach at Hawaiian Prep Academy and installed the West Coast offense. From there, his coaching career accelerated. He joined Fred Von Appen's staff at the University of Hawaii, then accepted the head coaching post at Menlo College, a non-scholarship Division II program in Atherton, a few miles from Stanford's campus. Menlo's athletic director: Craig Walsh, Bill's son.

The patriarch attended many a Menlo game. "Coach Walsh said to me, 'You're one of the last guys who played the game who's going to coach it,'" Margerum recalls. "He thinks because there's so much money for players, that they don't have the desire necessary to recruit and coach."

Menlo was 0-9 the season before Margerum arrived. It was 5-5 his first year, in 1997, and averaged 407 yards per game with the West Coast attack.

Two years later, Margerum got a call from his former 49er teammate, Cal coach Tom Holmoe. "I hadn't seen Ken much, but we got reacquainted recruiting Orange County," Holmoe says. "I was at Cal and he was with Hawaii, and I thought, 'If I ever need a receivers coach, this guy can recruit.'"

But could Holmoe really hire a Stanford guy? "I ran it by a couple big-time alums to see their impressions," Holmoe says. "They all said the same thing: 'Can he help us win?' I said yep. So they told me to go for it. Stanford wasn't happy, but they didn't want to hire him."

Stranger things have happened in this rivalry. (See: *The Play*, 1982.) Several brothers have split their allegiance. A number of coaches have ties to both schools, including John Ralston, who graduated from Cal and

coached Stanford to back-to-back Rose Bowls in the early 1970s. In fact, Ralston spotted Margerum at a Pop Warner banquet last fall and offered some encouraging words.

"He said, 'Ken, it's good to see you do the opposite of what I did,'" Margerum says. "I took my attitude from him: football is football. The seed he planted was, 'Cal is your job, you're being paid by Cal, so give it your all.'"

Even Margerum's former teammates understand his move to the Blue and Gold

ran hurdles for Stanford.) He recognizes the importance of size, but favors speed and production above all. "Some guys get so muscle-bound they lose fluidity and speed," he says. "I give recruits the benefit of the doubt if they run track."

Margerum just looks at the game, and life, a little differently. His favorite book is *The Grapes of Wrath*. His kids are named Sunny and Windy. He dotes on his lime green 1971 XR7 Mercury Cougar convertible. And he has a wide range of friends.

"I go into his office one day, and there's Eric Heiden," Holmoe says with a chuckle. "He knows CEOs and Olympians, but he doesn't flaunt it. He's a terrific recruiter. He loves the

quest, but he's so good personally and on the phone. He can talk to recruits for an hour, and he'll talk about everything except football."

Margerum's grasp of the West Coast offense fits perfectly with Cal's new offensive coordinator, Al Borges, who held the same post at UCLA for five years. Borges was hired to jump start the Bears' offense, which has struggled for several seasons, and he immediately installed a version of the West Coast attack. Margerum felt right at home.

"I feel very comfortable with Al," Margerum says.

And very comfortable in Berkeley, too.



At Stanford, the spectacular was normal for Margerum. Teammate Darrin Nelson says Margerum "had the best hands anybody had ever seen."

**"I owe my whole career to Stanford and Bill Walsh.
But it's great to cut my coaching teeth at Cal."**

side of San Francisco Bay.

"It's not really that big a deal," says Nelson, an associate athletic director at Stanford. "From the outside looking in, you see Big Game, and the Axe and all the pageantry and reaction from the rivalry. But from the inside, we think it's just a good opportunity for Ken to coach in the Pac-10. I give him a hard time, but only because I know him."

Margerum played for Walsh, Dennis Green, Jim Fassel and Ditka, and he tried to absorb every morsel they had to offer, be it psychological or tactical. He actually enjoys recruiting and encourages prospects to play two sports. (No surprise there: Margerum

Ron Simmons

It's 1986 and the United State Football League has just folded. After five seasons of professional football, three with the Canadian Football League's Ottawa Rough Riders and two with the USFL's Tampa Bay Bandits, former Florida State All-America nose-guard Ron Simmons is preparing to move on with life after athletics.

"I started to get into a career in law enforcement at a detention center in Tampa," Simmons says. "We're out trying to pick up (a fugitive) and we had to get out of the car to find this individual."

Simmons' search for a wanted man on the seamier side of Tampa is interrupted as he's approached on the street by professional wrestling trainer Hiro Matsuda, who runs a local gym. Matsuda, whom Simmons knows vaguely through former Bandits teammate and one-time college rival Larry Pfohl (a.k.a., wrestler Lex Luger), proceeds to launch into a sales pitch with this impressive physical specimen in uniform.

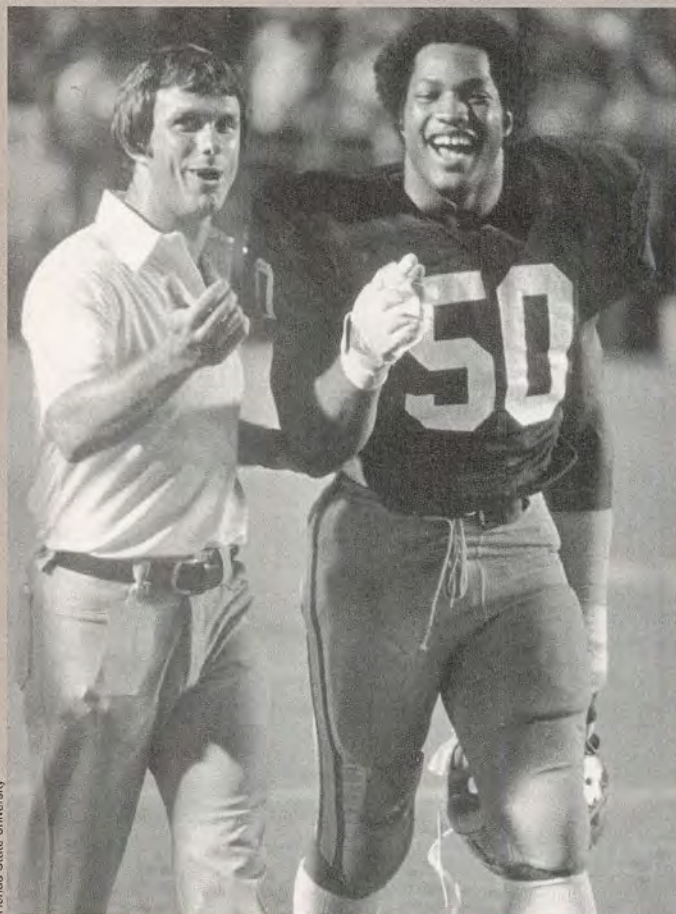
Matsuda asks if the 6'1", 230-pound Simmons has ever considered a career in professional wrestling.

"You've got to be kidding me, after all I put my body through playing football," Simmons tells Matsuda, who doesn't take no for an answer. Matsuda paints a picture that includes Simmons stalking opponents in the ring for good money, rather than pursuing villains on the street for a working man's wages. The timing of the pitch can't be better. "Hold on, I'll be over there in about 20 minutes," Simmons tells him.

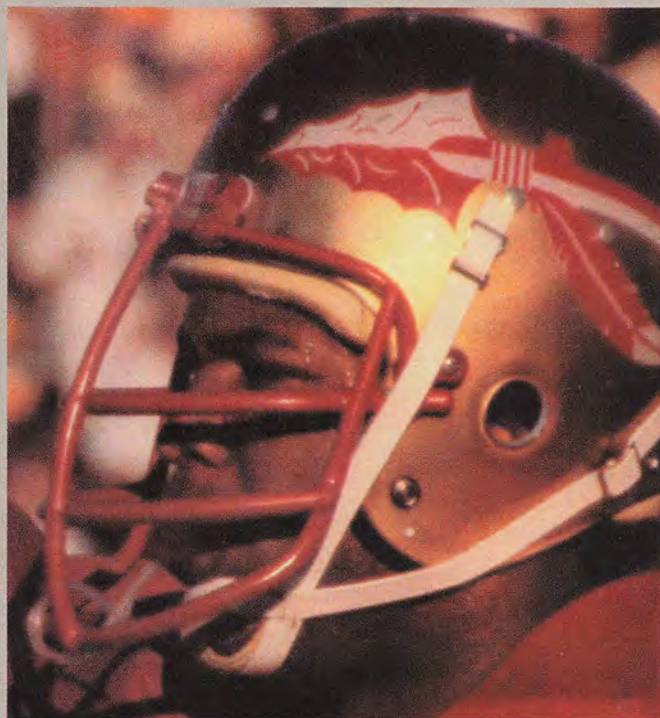
Fifteen years later, Faarooq (a.k.a. Ron Simmons) is with the World Wrestling Federation, still plying the physical talents that made him one of college football's fiercest defensive linemen. Four or five nights a week, 52 weeks a year, the 42-year-old native of Warner Robins, Ga. climbs into the ring to tackle men half his age and twice his size.

Simmons' wrestling career has carried him around the globe and provided a nice living for his wife, son and daughter. Though he's no longer a marquee attraction, the two-time world tag team champion approaches his profession with the same zeal he used to destroy opponents on the football field. Lessons in hard work and the desire to perform to the best of his ability — things he learned growing up in a home without parents and refined at Florida State under coach Bobby Bowden from 1977-1980 — remain staples in his life.

"There were times of discouragement (in wrestling), but there were those in football also," Simmons says. "All those guys I came there to



Simmons helped establish Florida State as a national force with his relentless playing style and charismatic leadership.



camp at FSU with, they slowly pulled out of there one by one in the middle of the night. You could hear those cars crank up. I just made a vow I wasn't going to quit."

Relentless. That's how Simmons pursued quarterbacks and ball carriers on the football field as he became FSU's first two-time consensus All-American.

Simmons spent all of one day as a third-team player at Florida State.

"Coach Bowden always says, 'Ease those freshmen in slowly; we don't want to discourage them,'" says 26-year FSU assistant Jim Gladden, recalling Simmons' first day of practice. "He got out there in a one-on-one drill with a ball carrier and everyone we put up there in front of him, he whipped. In our meeting after practice Coach Bowden said, 'We better ease our veterans in for guys like that.'"

Simmons exploded onto the scene, registering several sacks and blocking a punt in his first college game as the Seminoles won handily at Southern Miss. "He was the most dominating factor in that game," Gladden says.

Later in his freshman season, Simmons registered a staggering 19 tackles, including five sacks, in a homecoming victory over North Texas State.

"He looked like a greyhound running down a rabbit in an open field," Gladden says. "In all those games he looked like the fifth man in the other team's backfield."

Blessed with blinding speed and a 435-pound bench press as a freshman, Simmons launched his career by piling up 128 tackles, including 12 sacks and 13 others for a loss to earn freshman All-America honors.

Having quickly become the centerpiece for Bowden's first full recruiting class, Simmons capped his career by leading FSU to a pair of Orange Bowl appearances and the school's first 11-0 regular season, in 1979. To this day he remains the single-season and

career record-holder in tackles for a loss and ranks second in all-time tackles with 483.

In 1988, Florida State retired Simmons' jersey No. 50 — he was the first Seminole defender to earn that distinction — and honored him further by sealing his locker, also a first at FSU.

"To see my jersey hanging in there, I feel I did something right," says Simmons, who takes great pride in his Seminole career. A regular visitor to the FSU sidelines, when his

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demanding schedule permits, Simmons was on hand for last season's Orange Bowl national championship game with Oklahoma.

Perhaps surprisingly, Simmons prefers to stay away from the limelight, especially on his visits to Tallahassee.

"I've never been one about showmanship as far as meeting people and being out front and having to be seen," Simmons says. "I've never needed to go out in front at halftime and have the people clap for me. The screaming and the hollering is not where I'm at. It's the actions."

"They (FSU) have done enough for me. I



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The strength and aggression that served Ron Simmons on the football field have served his alter ego, Faarooq, in the rings of the World Wrestling Federation.

did what I did for them and I'm proud of that."

What Simmons accomplished on the football field as an undersized noseguard for the Seminoles defies easy explanation, though many have tried. Perhaps *Tampa Tribune* sports columnist Tom McEwen came closest to describing Simmons when he wrote: "Simmons wasn't born. He was chiseled of brown Georgia granite, had the wings of Mercury attached to his ankles and had life breathed into him by whatever saint is assigned to Bobby Bowden."

Those words appeared in Simmons' bio prior to the start of his 1979 junior year at Florida State, when he went on to finish eighth in the Heisman Trophy balloting, unusual

for a defensive lineman.

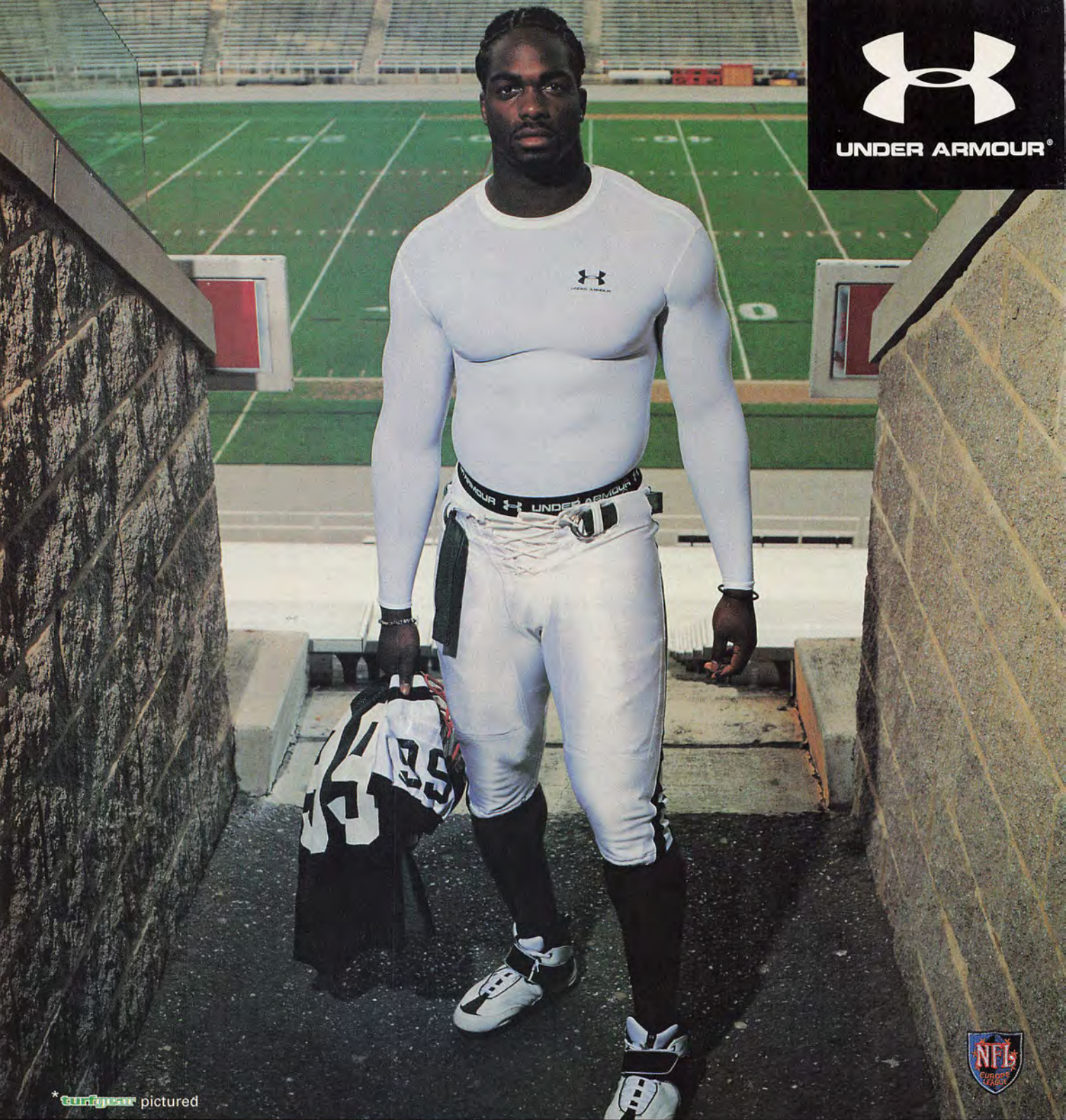
Bowden, however, actually had pegged Simmons' value to the Seminoles by the late stages of his freshman year.

"It's hard to say one man can make or break your program, but look what Tony Dorsett did for Pitt," Bowden said. "We feel the same way about Ron Simmons."

To this day, 20 years after Simmons hobbled off the field in the Orange Bowl on two badly sprained ankles after playing his last college down, FSU's media guide refers to him as "the greatest defender in Florida State history."



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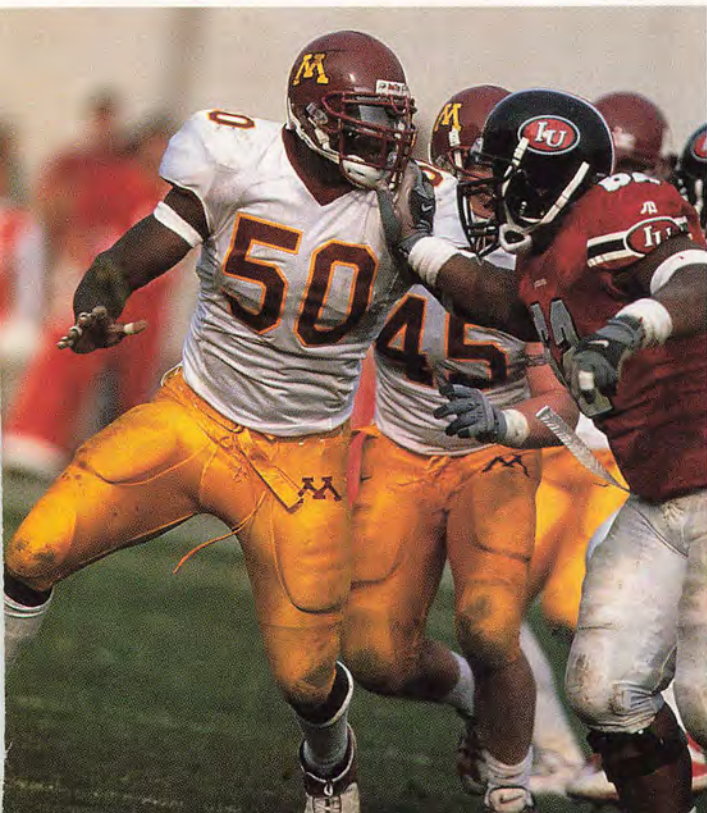
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| 1. Michigan | 7. Michigan State |
| 2. Ohio State | 8. Penn State |
| 3. Northwestern | 9. Minnesota |
| 4. Purdue | 10. Iowa |
| 5. Illinois | 11. Indiana |
| 6. Wisconsin | |

No Drew Henson? No problem. There is still enough talent in Ann Arbor for Lloyd Carr and Co., to bring the Big Ten title back to Michigan. Third-year sophomore John Navarre steps in at quarterback to lead a young, but talented offense. The Wolverines will ask Chris Perry to replace Anthony Thomas at tailback and Marquise Walker will be the next big-play wide receiver. Linebacker Larry Foote is the top playmaker on an outstanding defense which welcomes back eight starters.

Confidence is high in Columbus, and well it should be — Henson is there playing baseball for the New York Yankees Triple-A Clippers and not preparing to quarterback Michigan this fall.

The truth is, there's a new attitude at Ohio State these days under first-year coach Jim Tressel, a no-nonsense disciplinarian, and the Buckeyes are buying into it. In a season that appears to be wide open in the Big Ten, Tressel and his Buckeyes have as strong a shot as any.

"If he backs up the things he talks about, we're going to be a heck of a team and we're going to compete for the Big Ten championship and a national championship," Ohio State linebacker Matt Wilhelm says.

Northwestern has a favorable schedule and the formidable combo of quarterback Zak Kustok and Damien Anderson running the Wildcats' explosive spread offense. Northwestern also boasts the conference's top offensive line. But defense could still be an issue.

At Purdue, defense — yes, defense — will be the Boilermakers' strength while Joe Tiller works redshirt freshman quarterback Brandon Hance into his wide-open attack. Illinois is banking on senior quarterback Kirk Kittner to return the Illini back to a bowl game in 2001.

Both Wisconsin and Michigan State should find themselves in the bowl picture, as well. Barry Alvarez has installed the spread offense in Madison, while Bobby Williams, Michigan State's second-year coach, heads into the season with two very capable quarterbacks, sophomore Jeff Smoker and senior Ryan Dyke.



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Offense

QB	Zak Kustok	6'1"	209	Sr.	Northwestern
RB	Damien Anderson	5'11"	204	Sr.	Northwestern
RB	T.J. Duckett	6'2"	252	Jr.	Michigan State
WR	Ron Johnson	6'3"	216	Sr.	Minnesota
WR	Marquise Walker	6'3"	212	Sr.	Michigan
TE	Tm Stratton	6'4"	258	Sr.	Purdue
OL	LeCharles Bentley	6'2"	290	Sr.	Ohio State
OL	Leon Brockmeier	6'1"	307	Sr.	Northwestern
OL	Luke Butkus	6'4"	287	Sr.	Illinois
OL	Jonathan Goodwin	6'4"	294	Sr.	Michigan
OL	Jeff Roehl	6'4"	291	Jr.	Northwestern

Defense

DL	Wendell Bryant	6'4"	293	Sr.	Wisconsin
DL	Akin Ayodele	6'3"	253	Sr.	Purdue
DL	Matt Mittrione	6'3"	281	Sr.	Purdue
DL	Greg White	6'2"	265	Sr.	Minnesota
LB	Larry Foote	6'1"	228	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Josh Thornhill	6'2"	234	Sr.	Michigan State
LB	Napoleon Harris	6'3"	237	Sr.	Northwestern
DB	Mike Doss	5'11"	190	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Mike Echols	5'10"	171	Sr.	Wisconsin
DB	Cedric Henry	5'10"	180	Sr.	Michigan State
DB	Stuart Schweigert	6'3"	202	So.	Purdue

Specialists

K	Dan Nystrom	5'11"	205	Jr.	Minnesota
P	Preston Gruening	5'10"	204	Jr.	Minnesota
KR	Kahlil Hill	6'3"	195	Sr.	Iowa
PR	Sam Simmons	5'10"	197	Sr.	Northwestern



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At Illinois, last season didn't satisfy anyone. The team entered the campaign with high hopes after going 8-4 in 1999, but after starting 3-0 in 2000 the slide began. The team finished 5-6 and everyone went home sour. But with every new year comes new hope.

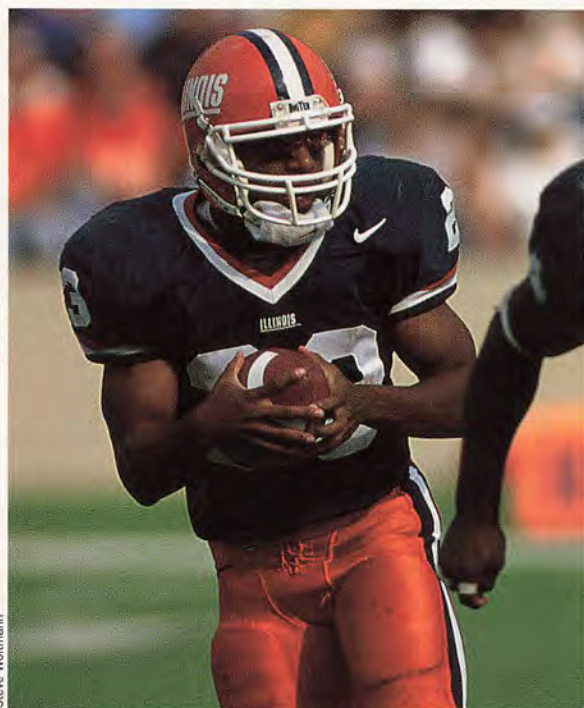
"Last year was obviously disappointing to me, to our football team, to a lot of people," Illinois coach Ron Turner says. "But I think there were a lot of good things that came out of it. We were a few plays away from being a 9-2 or 8-3 team. Although we didn't go to a bowl game, this season we are a strong team that has the talent to jump right back into the national scene."

Maybe so. The team returns 47 letterwinners, including 13 starters. Seven of those starters are back on offense, including senior quarterback Kurt Kittner, tailback Rocky Harvey, a couple of wide receivers and three linemen. Six starters will be back on defense, and the team should be solid on the line and in the secondary.

quarterbacks

Kurt Kittner is back for his fourth season. He has been the team's regular starter the past three years and holds the single-season record for most touchdowns passes with 24. He propelled the team to a school record for offense in 1999.

All of that has left him poised to do even more. His downfield vision is tremendous, and his ability to complete the long pass will return to its '99 level if his receiving weapons step up. Kittner's back-up will be Dustin Ward, who played in seven games last season and passed for 390 yards and four touchdowns.



Rocky Harvey

Post-Spring Analysis

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Keys to a Winning Season

Quarterback Kurt Kittner has to play mistake-free, and Brandon Lloyd has to rediscover his explosive play from two seasons ago. If the Illini can do that, they should score some points. But the defense is suspect, just like it was last year. Young players on that side of the ball are going to have to step up if this team is going to get back to a bowl game.

Looking Ahead

S. 1 at California	W
S. 8 Northern Illinois	W
S. 15 Louisville	*
S. 22 at Michigan	L
O. 6 Minnesota	W
O. 13 at Indiana	W
O. 20 Wisconsin	*
N. 3 at Purdue	*
N. 10 Penn State	W
N. 17 at Ohio State	L
N. 22 Northwestern	*

Key Players

QB	Kurt Kittner
RB	Rocky Harvey
RB	Antoineo Harris
WR	Brandon Lloyd
C	Luke Butkus
DT	Brandon Moore
LB	Jerry Schumacher
CB	Eugene Wilson
SS	Bobby Jackson

The last time the Fighting Illini traveled to both Michigan and Ohio State, two seasons ago, it won both games. That kind of achievement will be difficult to match this season, no matter the talent of the opposition.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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running backs

They are called Thunder and Lightning. Junior steamroller Antoineo Harris is the thunder. He led the team in rushing last year with 772 yards and seven touchdowns. Senior Rocky Harvey, who is more nimble and quick to the outside, is the lightning. He rushed for 683 yards and three touchdowns.

Both tailbacks rushed for more than 100 yards three times last season, including 100-yard performances for both players in back-to-back games for the first time in school history.

Beyond those two there's little else available. The team is also thin at fullback in large part because of the departure of veteran Jameel Cook, who left a year early to enter the draft. Sophomore Carey Davis will get the starting nod in Cook's place, and pushing for playing time will be Carlos Lattimore, who moved from safety last season. Brad Haywood will also see some time there.

receivers

Brandon Lloyd is back. The silky-smooth sophomore wide receiver burst onto the scene two years ago, when he broke school freshman receiving records with 511 yards and two touchdowns. But months before his second season Lloyd broke his leg and had to sit out the entire year. He is now healthy and faster than ever.

Former walk-on Greg Lewis will also play a major role. He led the team last year with 40 catches for 544 yards and six touchdowns. Not far behind is another former walk-on, Aaron Moorehead, who caught four TD passes and totaled 520 yards receiving. These players aren't breathtakingly quick, but they often find a way to get open.



Kurt Kittner



Jerry Schumacher

At tight end, three players are back, starting with Brian Hodges, who scored a pair of touchdowns last season. Sophomore Kenny Boyle will help, along with redshirt freshman Anthony McClellan.

offensive linemen

The offensive line has really held its own the past two years, and this year should be no different. Three starters are back — senior center Luke Butkus, senior left guard Jay Kulaga and junior right tackle Tony Pashos. The line last season allowed only 20 sacks in 361 pass plays.



The number of new coaches on the Illinois staff: Dan O'Dell (quarterbacks), Mike Cassity (defensive coordinator), Mike Mallory (defensive backs) and Donnie Thompson (defensive line).

Two veterans, Ray Redziniak and Marques Sullivan, have been lost to graduation. Looking to fill in will be David Diehl, who will move from right guard to left tackle. He will be pushed by sophomore Sean Bubin, who played in all 11 games on special teams last season.

Sophomore Aaron Hodges, the brother of tight end Brian, is the leading candidate at right guard. Patrick Babcock, a redshirt freshman, will push Hodges.

defensive linemen

Two defensive line starters will have to be replaced, including first-team All-Big Ten end Fred Wakefield. Returning, though, will be end Terrell Washington and tackle Brandon Moore.

Washington was one of the conference's leaders in tackles for a loss (16) and sacks (eight). Moore has started in 24 consecutive games.

Looking to fill the open spots will be team Rookie of the Year Charles Gilstrap at tackle and senior Robby Long at end. Gilstrap recorded nine tackles in a reserve role last season. Long has played a key role as a backup the last three seasons.

The key to the team's success at this position will be depth. End Mike O'Brien and tackle Jeff Ruffin are back from injuries that sent them to the sideline after two games last season. Junior tackle Brett Kautter will also be heard from.

linebackers

Of the six players listed on the 2000 depth chart at linebacker, only one remains: Jerry Schumacher. He was the second-leading tackler last season with 104 stops, but he'll have loads of inexperience around him. Schumacher will likely be backed up by redshirt freshman Mike Gawelek and true freshman Jim Goranson.

Second-team JC All-American Mario Ivy will move right into one of the OLB vacancies. Redshirt freshman Lamont Holden will also get into the action.

At the third linebacker position, sophomore Ty Myers will likely start, but he will be pushed by Lee Sicinski and Joe Bevis.

defensive backs

Three-year starters Bobby Jackson and Muhammad Abdullah are both back at safety. The duo has combined

RISE STAR



Redshirt freshman tight end **Anthony McClellan** is drawing raves. He averaged 22 yards a catch as a high school senior, and he figures prominently in the mix this fall. He will be fighting an uphill battle behind the more experienced Brian Hodges, but he's expected to play this season.

for 10 career interceptions, and both have a nose for the ball.

The cornerback position last year was talented but thin. Junior Eugene Wilson is back to take his spot after a great season. He had four interceptions, including three in the last three games.

Bobby Jackson's younger brother Marc will likely be the starter at the other corner. He will get help from senior Anthony Hurd, sophomore Nana Agyeman and redshirt freshman Matt Henderson.

specialists

Both kickers are back. Steve Fitts will handle the punting duties and J.J. Tubbs will kick. Fitts began last season handling both jobs, but late in the season Tubbs took over placekicking.

Wilson, the punt returner the last two seasons, returns, and Harvey will return kicks. Quarterback-turned-cornerback Christian Morton may also return kicks and punts.

Outside the Huddle

Heisman hype Illinois' sports information department is promoting quarterback Kurt Kittner for the Heisman Trophy. A senior from Schaumburg, Ill., Kittner was an honorable mention All-American by the *Football News* last season. He ranks fourth on Illinois' all-time passing list and is fifth in career completions and fourth in total offense. Kittner has thrown 43 career TD passes, 12 behind Jack Trudeau.

All in the family New quarterbacks coach Dan O'Dell, a four-year letterwinner at San Jose State, is the nephew of Illini head coach Ron Turner. O'Dell took over for Greg Ver Steeg, who left after last season.

Wounded The Illinois defense, one of the worst in the nation last season, allowed 412.5 yards per game. Key injuries at cornerback and on the defensive line contributed to that ineptitude.

Homecoming Illinois opens the 2001 season at California. Turner grew up near the Cal campus and used to work as an usher at the games growing up. Illinois also plays non-conference games against Northern Illinois and Louisville.

Switch Christian Morton was a standout high school quarterback. His move to cornerback came during spring practice, when he was buried at No. 3 QB on the depth chart.

Bowl bound Illinois has been to just two bowl games since the end of the 1994 season. The team thought it would be in a good position to earn a postseason bid last season after starting off 3-0, but only two wins were secured the rest of the way.

New addition Illinois has a new indoor practice facility next to the football stadium. It opened last winter.

2001 Illinois Roster

2000 Record: 5-6
Big Ten Record: 2-6

Head Coach
Ron Turner

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
7	Abdullah, Muhammad	FS	6'1"	202	Sr.	Barneget, NJ
4	Adeyemo, Ade	WR	6'0"	191	Fr.	Chicago, IL
13	Agyeman, Nana	CB	6'2"	190	So.	Itasca, IL
83	Allan, Chris	WR	6'1"	180	Sr.	Greenville, IL
16	Anderson, Kevin	SS	6'2"	185	Fr.	Belleville, IL
70	Babcock, Patrick	G	6'6"	290	Fr.	Stillman Valley, IL
33	Bevis, Joe	OLB	6'0"	210	So.	Edwardsville, IL
89	Boyle, Kenny	TE	6'5"	249	So.	Chatham, IL
68	Brown, James	C	6'4"	280	Jr.	Pleasant Lake, IN
73	Bubin, Sean	T	6'7"	302	So.	Rantoul, IL
71	Butkus, Luke	C	6'4"	287	Sr.	Steger, IL
44	Christofilakos, Peter	K	5'9"	166	Jr.	Springfield, IL
9	Clark, Jamaal	WR	6'2"	190	So.	St. Louis, MO
76	Collins, Clark	DT	6'3"	285	So.	Evanston, IL
72	Cutter, Dan	T	6'7"	322	Sr.	Tampa, FL
24	Davis, Carey	FB	6'0"	218	So.	Florissant, MO
64	Diehl, David	T	6'5"	294	Jr.	Oak Lawn, IL
54	Donoghue, Ed	DT	6'3"	251	Jr.	Chicago, IL
37	Drobny, Michael	TE	6'0"	215	Jr.	Highland Park, IL
53	Ferguson, Jim	OL	6'4"	289	So.	Morton, IL
10	Fitts, Steve	P	6'0"	201	Sr.	S. Congaree, SC
65	Gal, Joe	DT	6'3"	272	Sr.	Lemont, IL
45	Gawelek, Mike	MLB	6'2"	220	Fr.	Chillicothe, OH
91	Gilstrap, Charles	DT	6'3"	285	So.	Columbus, OH
47	Goranson, Jim	MLB	6'4"	220	Fr.	Elk Grove, IL
92	Hanton, Jamie	DT	6'4"	290	Jr.	Corona, CA
31	Harris, Antoinio	TB	6'1"	222	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
23	Harvey, Rocky	TB	5'9"	186	Sr.	Chicago, IL
49	Haywood, Brad	FB	6'1"	231	So.	Mt. Carmel, IL
22	Henderson, Matt	CB	6'2"	170	Fr.	Edmond, OK
63	Hilderbrand, Dave	OL	6'3"	285	Fr.	Naperville, IL
60	Hodges, Aaron	G	6'5"	276	So.	Country Club Hills, IL
80	Hodges, Brian	TE	6'4"	262	Sr.	Country Club Hills, IL
48	Holden, Lamont	OLB	6'3"	220	Jr.	Buffalo Grove, IL
37	Hood, Estus	LB	6'4"	210	Fr.	Carbondale, IL
73	Hurd, Anthony	CB	5'10"	189	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
95	Ivy, Mario	OLB	6'3"	225	Jr.	Edwardsville, IL
38	Jack, Chris	DB	5'8"	192	Fr.	Gordon Tech, IL
2	Jackson, Bobby	SS	6'1"	211	Sr.	Corvallis, OR
1	Jackson, Marc	CB	6'1"	201	Jr.	Corvallis, OR
55	Kautter, Brett	DT	6'3"	257	Jr.	Harrisburg, PA

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
21	King, Patrick	K	5'11"	178	Fr.	Fredericksburg, VA
15	Kittner, Kurt	QB	6'3"	210	Sr.	Schaumburg, IL
61	Koch, Bryan	G	6'3"	265	Fr.	Wentzville, MO
19	Kornfeld, Mark	QB	6'1"	209	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
67	Kulaga, Jay	G	6'5"	306	Sr.	Seminole, FL
39	Lattimore, Carlos	FB	6'1"	215	Jr.	Peoria, IL
17	Lewis, Greg	FL	6'0"	184	Jr.	Matteson, IL
6	Lloyd, Brandon	SE	6'2"	184	So.	Blue Springs, MO
90	Long, Robby	DE	6'3"	246	Sr.	Champaign, IL
56	Malczyk, Mike	LS	5'11"	242	Sr.	Lake Zurich, IL
74	Maloney, Mike	DE	6'3"	265	Fr.	Joliet, IL
81	McClellan, Anthony	TE	6'3"	223	Fr.	O'Fallon, IL
3	McGoey, Eric	WR	6'3"	191	So.	Wheaton, IL
38	Minnes, Matt	P	6'2"	190	Fr.	Urbana, IL
96	Moore, Brandon	DT	6'3"	275	Sr.	Gary, IN
86	Moorehead, Aaron	FL	6'3"	185	Jr.	Deerfield, IL
5	Morton, Christian	CB	6'1"	180	So.	St. Louis, MO
36	Mullen, Clayton	FB	6'1"	223	So.	Mattoon, IL
27	Myers, Ty	OLB	6'4"	222	So.	Springfield, OH
93	O'Brien, Mike	DE	6'6"	232	So.	Oak Lawn, IL
57	Parro, Mike	LB	6'1"	218	Fr.	Chicago, IL
79	Pashos, Tony	T	6'6"	330	Jr.	Lockport, IL
94	Perry, Jemari	DE	6'4"	220	So.	Maywood, IL
82	Piazza, Nick	FS	6'1"	190	Sr.	Frankfort, IL
75	Preston III, Duke	OL	6'5"	290	Fr.	San Diego, CA
62	Rouse, Patrick	LS	6'0"	227	Sr.	Champaign, IL
78	Rucks, Chris	OL	6'6"	282	So.	Lincolnshire, IL
58	Ruffin, Jeff	DT	6'4"	281	So.	Aurora, IL
42	Schumacher, Jerry	MLB	6'3"	230	Jr.	Chicago, IL
41	Scinski, Lee	OLB	6'1"	215	Fr.	Joliet, IL
88	Smith, Dwayne	WR	6'2"	190	So.	Rantoul, IL
98	Strong, Derrick	DE	6'5"	230	So.	Chicago, IL
12	Tubbs, J.J.	K	5'9"	160	So.	Rock Island, IL
11	Ward, Dustin	QB	6'3"	193	So.	Champaign, IL
85	Washington, Terrell	DE	6'4"	237	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
28	Wilson, Eugene	CB	6'0"	183	Jr.	Merrillville, IN
18	Young, Walter	SE	6'5"	218	Jr.	Park Forest, IL

2001 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
James Cooper DB 5'11" 185 S. Holland, IL
Chicago Sun Times Top 100 all-area athlete. Helped lead his team to the Class 6A state title.

Sedrick Davenport DB 6'0" 175 Bolingbrook, IL
Recorded 70 tackles last season. Has been timed at 4.55 in the 40. All-state his junior year.

Matt Dlugolecki QB 6'5" 220 De Caza, CA
Passed for 1,307 yds. and 17 TDs as a senior. Named Offensive POY in the Sierra League.

Cory Flisakowski FB 6'2" 215 Stevens Pt., WI
Rushed for 1,047 yds. and 10 TDs as a senior. All-state pick. Team MVP three years.

Jim Goranson LB 6'4" 220 Elk Grove, IL
All-state pick. Tallied 101 tackles, eight sacks and three INTs last year. SuperPrep All-Region.

Jamie Hanton DT 6'4" 290 Corona, CA
Recorded 45 tackles and six sacks as a sophomore at Chaffey (CA) CC. Second-team all-conference.

Mario Ivy DE 6'3" 225 Edwardsville, IL
Named conference's Defensive MVP last season at Ellsworth (IA) JC. Second-team All-America.

Abe Jones RB 5'11" 179 Rolling Meadows, IL
Had 1,100 rushing yds. in 2000. Named 1999 Mid-Suburban POY. SuperPrep All-Region.

Kendrick Jones WR 6'3" 170 E. St. Louis, IL
All-metro selection. Caught 27 passes for 739 yds., an avg. of 27.4 yds. per catch.

Taman Jordan DB 5'11" 180 Tempe, AZ
Offensive POY for Class 5A. Registered 18 solo tackles and three INTs last season.

Kyle Kleckner DB 6'0" 185 Downers Grove, IL
Arlington Heights Daily Herald POY. Rushed for 850 yds., passed for 1,032 yds. and caught 10 passes for 186 yds. last season.

Antonio Mason LB 6'0" 240 St. Louis, MO
All-state pick. Had 128 solo tackles and 67 assists as a senior. Team played in state title game in 2000.

Ryan Matha DT 6'1" 250 Dixon, IL
All-state selection. Tallied 68 solo tackles, eight sacks and six blocked kicks as a senior.

Chuck Moore DB 6'4" 200 Elk Grove, IL
Named to the Mid-Suburban All-Conference team. Recorded 24 tackles and two INTs last year.

Rob Needham OL 6'6" 305 Arlington Hgts., IL
SuperPrep All-Midwest team. Graded out at over 95 percent as a senior. All-state pick.

T.W. Norman LB 6'3" 240 Stockton, MO
Rushed for six TDs in a game last year. Finished his senior year with 141 tackles and five sacks.

Brian Schaefering LB 6'5" 210 St. Louis, MO
All-state pick. Had seven sacks, 130 tackles and two INTs as a senior. Avg. 46.9 yds. per punt.

Kyle Schnettgoe OL 6'4" 252 St. Louis, MO
St. Louis Post-Dispatch Top 30 player. First-team all-conference three years.

Matt Sinclair LB 6'3" 225 St. Louis, MO
Recorded 121 tackles and two INTs last year. Conference POY. SuperPrep Midwest Defensive POY.

Morris Virgil RB 5'10" 185 Urbana, IL
Rushed for 1,585 yds. and 29 TDs as a senior. All-state selection. Runs a 10.3 in the 100m.

Steve Weatherford K 6'4" 205 Terre Haute, IN
Set school records for most field goals in a career, best punting avg. and longest field goal (55 yds.).

Lionel Williams DL 6'5" 240 Addison, IL
Totaled 80 tackles and 25 sacks last year. Named all-state as a junior and senior.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	6	Brandon Lloyd (So., 1)	18	Walter Young (Jr., 2)
LT	64	David Diehl (Jr., 2)	73	Sean Bubin (So., 1)
LG	67	Jay Kulaga (Sr., 2)	61	Bryan Koch (Fr., 0)
C	71	Luke Butkus (Sr., 3)	68	James Brown (Jr., 0)
RG	60	Aaron Hodges (So., 1)	70	Patrick Babcock (Fr., 0)
RT	79	Tony Pashos (Jr., 2)	72	Dan Cutter (Sr., 2)
TE	80	Brian Hodges (Sr., 3)	89	Kenny Boyle (So., 1)
FL	17	Greg Lewis (Jr., 2)	86	Aaron Moorehead (Jr., 2)
QB	15	Kurt Kittner (Sr., 3)	11	Dustin Ward (So., 1)
FB	24	Carey Davis (So., 1)	39	Carlos Lattimore (Jr., 2)
TB	23	Rocky Harvey (Sr., 3)	31	Antoinio Harris (Jr., 2)

Defense (6)

LE	85	Terrell Washington (Sr., 2)	98	Derrick Strong (So., 1)
LT	91	Charles Gilstrap (So., 1)	58	Jeff Ruffin (So., 1)
RT	96	Brandon Moore (Sr., 3)	55	Brett Kautter (Jr., 2)
RE	90	Robby Long (Sr., 3)	93	Mike O'Brien (So., 1)
OLB	95	Mario Ivy (Jr., 0)	48	Lamont Holden (Fr., 0)
MLB	42	Jerry Schumacher (Jr., 2)	45	Mike Gawelek (Fr., 0)
OLB	27	Ty Myers (So., 1)	41	Lee Scinski (Fr., 0)
LC	28	Eugene Wilson (Jr., 2)	13	Nana Agyeman (So., 1)
RC	1	Marc Jackson (Jr., 2)	43	Anthony Hurd (Sr., 3)
SS	2	Bobby Jackson (Sr., 3)	16	Kevin Anderson (Fr., 0)
FS	7	Muhammad Abdullah (Sr., 3)	82	Nick Piazza (Sr., 1)

Special Teams

K	12	J.J. Tubbs (So., 1)
P	10	Steve Fitts (Sr., 3)
KR	23	Rocky Harvey (Sr., 3)
PR	28	Eugene Wilson (Jr., 2)

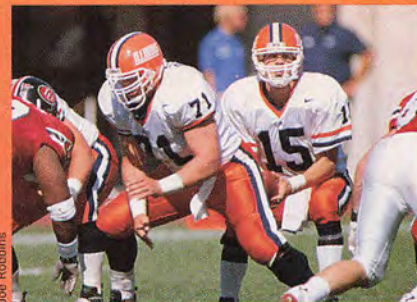
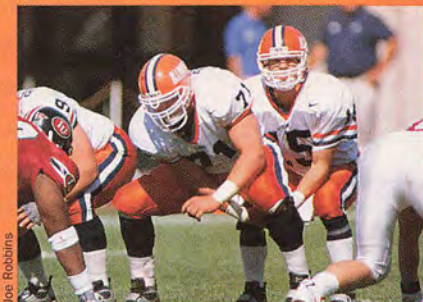
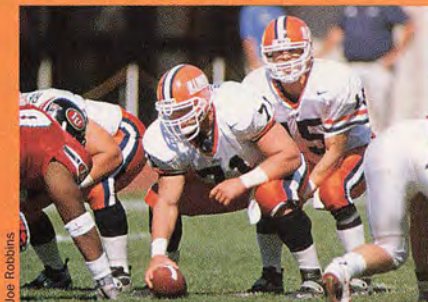
(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kurt Kittner, 173-297-1982-8, 18 TDs
Rushing: Antoinio Harris, 192 car., 772 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Greg Lewis, 40 rec., 544 yds., 6 TDs
Scoring: Antoinio Harris, 7 TDs, 42 points
Punting: Steve Fitts, 52 punts, 40.9 avg.
Kicking: Steve Fitts, 5-10 FGs, 25-25 XPs
Tackles: Jerry Schumacher, 104, 73 solo
Tackles for loss: Terrell Washington, 16 for 56 yds.
Sacks: Terrell Washington, 8
Interceptions: Eugene Wilson, 4 for 22 yds.
Kickoff returns: Christian Morton, 27 ret., 20.0 yds.
Punt returns: Christian Morton, 8 ret., 24.4 avg.

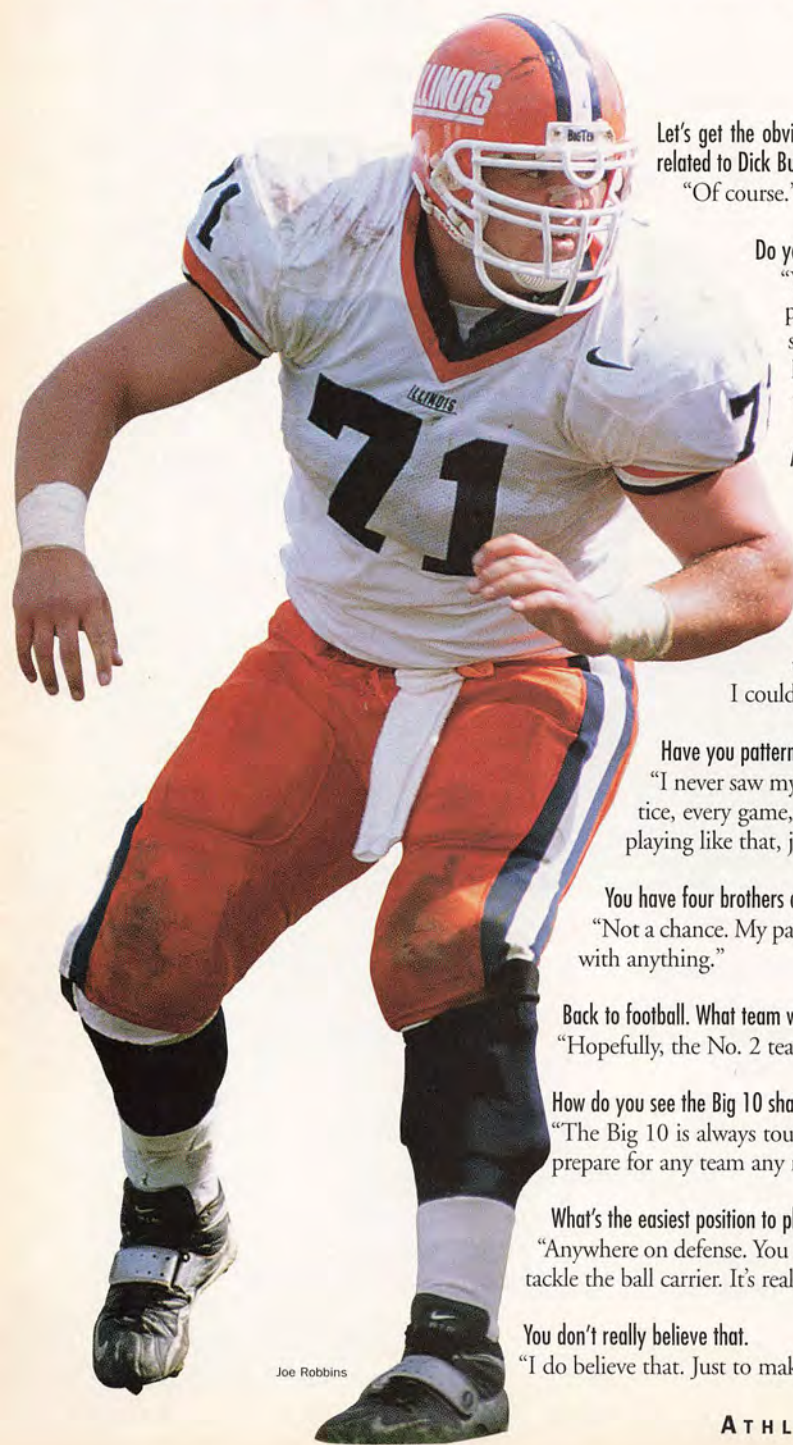
2000 Results

S. 2	Middle Tennessee	W	35-6
S. 9	at San Diego State	W	49-13
S.16	California	W	17-15
S.23	Michigan	L	31-35
S.30	at Minnesota	L	10-44
O.14	Iowa	W	31-0
O.21	at Penn State	L	25-39
O.28	at Michigan State	L	10-14
N. 4	Indiana	W	42-35
N.11	Ohio State	L	21-24
N.18	at Northwestern	L	23-61



One on One with Luke Butkus

By Angelique S. Chengelis



Let's get the obvious out of the way. When people see the Butkus name, do they assume you're related to Dick Butkus (his uncle)?

"Of course."

Do you ever lie about it?

"Yeah, sometimes I say no, because I want to be recognized as my own player. When I say yeah, I then hear all these stories, 'Oh, I went to school with him' or 'I remember way back in ...' things like that. I've heard all of them so sometimes I'm not in the mood to hear all the war stories."

Are you anything like your uncle as a player?

"Yeah. I do whatever it takes to get the job done. I think he did the same — he just did his job."

He played linebacker. Did you ever have any interest playing on the other side?

"I just like the game. I don't really care where I play or where they put me, just as long as I'm playing. I just thought coming in here the best thing for me would be to play O-Line. I thought that's where I could make my mark. I played pretty much everything in high school."

Have you patterned your playing style off anyone?

"I never saw my dad (Ron) play, but growing up and talking to him after every practice, every game, I just think this is how he played. If I saw him play, I think he'd be playing like that, just out there doing his best."

You have four brothers and three sisters and you're the youngest. You must be spoiled.

"Not a chance. My parents learned from their mistakes with all of them, so I didn't get away with anything."

Back to football. What team would you like to meet in a bowl?

"Hopefully, the No. 2 team in the nation when we're going into the (Rose) Bowl No. 1."

How do you see the Big 10 shaking out this year?

"The Big 10 is always tough so on any given day anyone can beat anyone. We're not going to prepare for any team any more or any less than another team."

What's the easiest position to play?

"Anywhere on defense. You don't have to think, you just have to go out there and run around and tackle the ball carrier. It's really not that demanding."

You don't really believe that.

"I do believe that. Just to make those guys mad. I'm not scared of those guys."

Usually kicking is singled out at as the easiest.

"Oh, well yeah! Maybe defense is second and kicking is ... I don't even consider that a position, so that didn't even cross my mind."

Why Illinois?

"At first, when I was in high school I was looking around and wanted to make my own decision rather than everyone making it for me. But I knew when I came here and I got to meet everyone. I knew it was it. A lot of it is my family, I guess, but when I got to meet everyone here, I knew it was the place for me. I didn't take any visits except Illinois. I knew if I was going to take the other ones, it was just to go sight-seeing."

Does being a football player help you get dates?

"It's not really football, it's just my good looks in general. My charm."

You have a real confidence problem, don't you?

"No, not at all."

Can you cook?

"Nothing really big, I don't have any special dishes. But yeah, if it comes to cooking for myself, I can do that. I wouldn't starve to death. My mom (Judy) thinks I would, but I wouldn't."

What magazine cover would you most likely appear on — *GQ*, *Newsweek*, or *People*?

"Definitely not *GQ*, because I'm not a stylish kind of guy. *Newsweek*, I don't know about that. So *People*, because I think I'm a pretty well-balanced person."

So why aren't you stylish?

"I leave that for the defense, the quarterback, all the pretty boys. But it depends where I'm going. If the ladies are out, I might get dressed up a little bit."

Your bio says one of your biggest sports thrills was hitting two home runs in a game against your high school rival. Did you consider playing baseball?

"Baseball, in general, the tradition, the pastime, I love it. But football, playing the game ... I like them both. I love baseball and always will. Every chance I get, I still want to play or watch games or go to games."

Your favorite team?

"Cubs."

Do you play golf?

"(Illinois quarterback Kurt) Kittner just beat me, but you don't have to put that in there. I don't know how to classify my game. I don't play that much. Home run derby over at the park is my game. I hold my own there. We go to a park where all the fraternity houses are, and if you hit a ball over the fraternity houses, it's a home run. It's pretty easy."



Liaison

Let's say you can drive any car. What would it be?

"The SUV has been played out. Everyone has one of those. If I could drive anything, it would be a nice Cadillac."

If you could put anything on the back of your jersey, what would it say?

"Is this an XFL question? Just my last name. I'm proud of it."

You seem comfortable dealing with the media. How do you like that?

"I'm fine, but it depends. The obvious questions about my uncle always come first, but just as long as they want to get to know me instead of how's my relationship with my uncle. They could ask me a million questions about my family but not every one of them has to be about me and him."

What would you want a reporter to walk away knowing about you?

"That I am a family man. I'm into my family, not just football. I'd rather be with them than do anything else."



There were some instances late in last year's game with Michigan that made people start questioning whether there should be instant replay in the college game. What's your opinion?

"That was our fault, because we put ourselves in that position. I don't think we should have it. That's just for the pros. I know they blew calls in the Michigan game, but we should never have put ourselves in that position. Bad calls happen all the time. You've got to draw a line between what's professional football and what's college football."

You think there should be a line between the two, but would you want to be paid for playing college football?

"Of course I'm going to say yes, because I want money. But I'm not going to argue or complain about that. We work hard, probably just as hard as the pros and we have to go to school on top of that. But that's what separates us."

What is the perception among non-student-athletes of student-athletes?

"They think we get everything handed to us. But they don't know the half of it. They don't know we're dying in the 10th period of practice, sucking wind and pushing ourselves to get a better drive block or running the play over and over until we get it right. They know we get recognized for being college athletes, but they don't know about the work we put in and they never will. They don't understand the time we put in with the morning runs, the two-a-days."

WORD ASSOCIATION

HEISMAN: Kurt Kittner
SPEED: Randy Johnson
POWER: Mark McGwire
RIVAL: Michigan
NOTRE DAME: No comment.
RON TURNER: Great coach.
BCS: It's all ours.

What's your dream job?

"Besides playing football? It wouldn't be a job. It would be hanging around the house playing PlayStation and home run derby every day."

What's your favorite movie?

"My favorite movie of all time is a musical — *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*. It's a great movie. I just bought it on DVD. My mom is into those old movies, so when I was younger, I wouldn't dare try to change any of the stations when she was watching TV. So we got used to watching it. I know every word, I know every song, and I sing them all. It's a great movie."

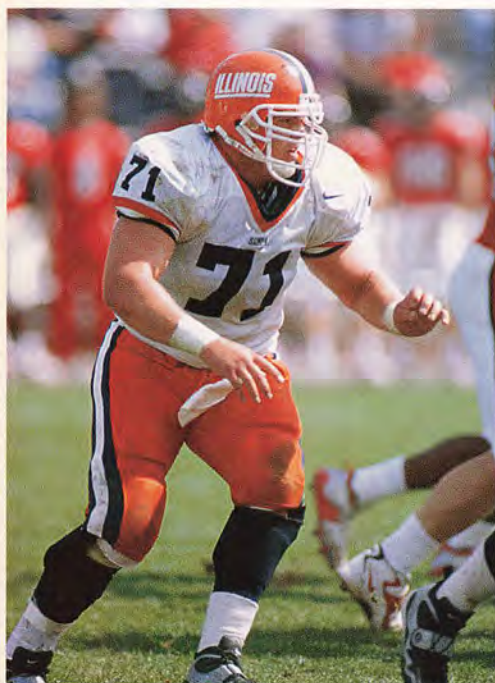


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Do you like musicals in general?

"Oh, a couple of them. *South Pacific*, all of those. I've seen a million of them."



Joe Robbins

Do people make fun of you for liking those movies?

"No. They don't know I watch them. I don't care, really. I like new movies, too. I'm a movie fan. *Gladiator* was awesome. We should watch that before every game."



Liaison

What's your favorite type of music?

"I'm open to everything. I love oldies. I'm so used to oldies, like '50s, '60s, do-wop and all that stuff. Any kind of music. Country, rap, R&B, pop, alternative, rock, I listen to it all."

Since you don't really have to cook, do you have a favorite food at the training table?

"They have great cheesecake. But real food? It's probably the chicken breasts."

What's the best road trip you've taken at Illinois?

"When we go on road trips, it's all business. There's no screwing around, as far as the coaches know. We get down to business. I had never been to California and we went last year and I loved it. There's always a couple good trips when guys wrestle around and beat each other up, but when we go away, we don't go sight-seeing."

Do you have a favorite actress?

"Cameron Diaz. She's not a good actor, but, ah ... but for an actress-actress, Julia Roberts."

Actor?

"Harrison Ford I like a lot and Sean Connery."

You sort of seem like an older soul in a young man's body.

"That's why the ladies love me. No, no. I'm just kidding."

If you make it big, what will be the first thing you buy your parents?

"My mom thinks I'm buying her a log cabin on the lake if I make it big. She thinks. And I'm going to buy my dad a Cadillac, because my mom ruined his when they first got married."

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Antwaan Randle El, clearly one of the most exciting players in college football, is being promoted as a Heisman Trophy candidate this fall, but at what position?

One-man-show Randle El has started 33 consecutive games at quarterback for the Hoosiers but moved to receiver in the spring to give Tommy Jones time to develop. This doesn't mean Randle El's career is over at quarterback.

"We're going to play two quarterbacks," IU coach Cam Cameron said.

The Hoosiers have 14 starters returning from last year's 3-8 season, but their problems run deeper than deciding who will run the offense. Their defense, particularly against the pass, was among the nation's worst in 2000.

quarterbacks

No, the Hoosiers are not trying to undermine their prolific offense by moving Randle El to receiver. Quarterback likely will still be a part-time gig for the three-year starter who is within 700 yards of becoming Division I's all-time rushing leader as a quarterback. Part of the thinking is that Randle El's professional future more than likely will involve playing wide receiver and returning punts rather than quarterback.

Jones is a tall, drop-back quarterback with a strong arm, good mobility and two years of eligibility. He took the bulk of first-team snaps during spring practice.

"The bottom line is, we're going to need them both," Cameron says.

Randle El will be used in goal-line and short-yardage situations.



Justin Smith

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Keys to the Season

Putting up points isn't a problem for the Hoosiers, nor is deciding where to play spectacular Antwaan Randle El, but they have to develop a defense this year. They gave up dismal averages of 457.5 yards and 38.5 points a game, and that will have to change if IU is to have a winning season.

Looking Ahead

S. 8 at NC State	L
S. 15 Kentucky	*
S. 22 Utah	*
S. 29 Ohio State	L
O. 6 at Wisconsin	L
O. 13 Illinois	L
O. 20 at Iowa	L
N. 3 Northwestern	L
N. 10 at Michigan State	L
N. 17 at Penn State	L
N. 24 Purdue	L

Key Players

QB	Tommy Jones
TB	Levron Williams
WR	Antwaan Randle El
C	Craig Osika
DE	Derek Barnett
DT	Kemp Rasmussen
LB	Justin Smith
FS	Antonio Watson

It will be like pushing a rock up a hill for the Hoosiers after opening the Big Ten campaign at home against Ohio State, who they haven't faced since 1998. Games at Wisconsin and Iowa, and back-to-back road games at Michigan State and Penn State will prove back-breakers.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.

W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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running backs

The Hoosiers have a triple-threat backfield consisting of Levron Williams, Jeremi Johnson and Brian Lewis. Williams has great hands and works well in the option game. He has a chance to end his career with 2,000 rushing yards and 1,000 receiving. Though he started his college career as a wide receiver, he averaged 7.1 yards on 116 carries as a junior tailback, scoring 10 times.

Lewis is young, but he made four starts last season, and the coaching staff has high expectations. Johnson is the starting fullback, a versatile player who has made five starts in his two years at IU.

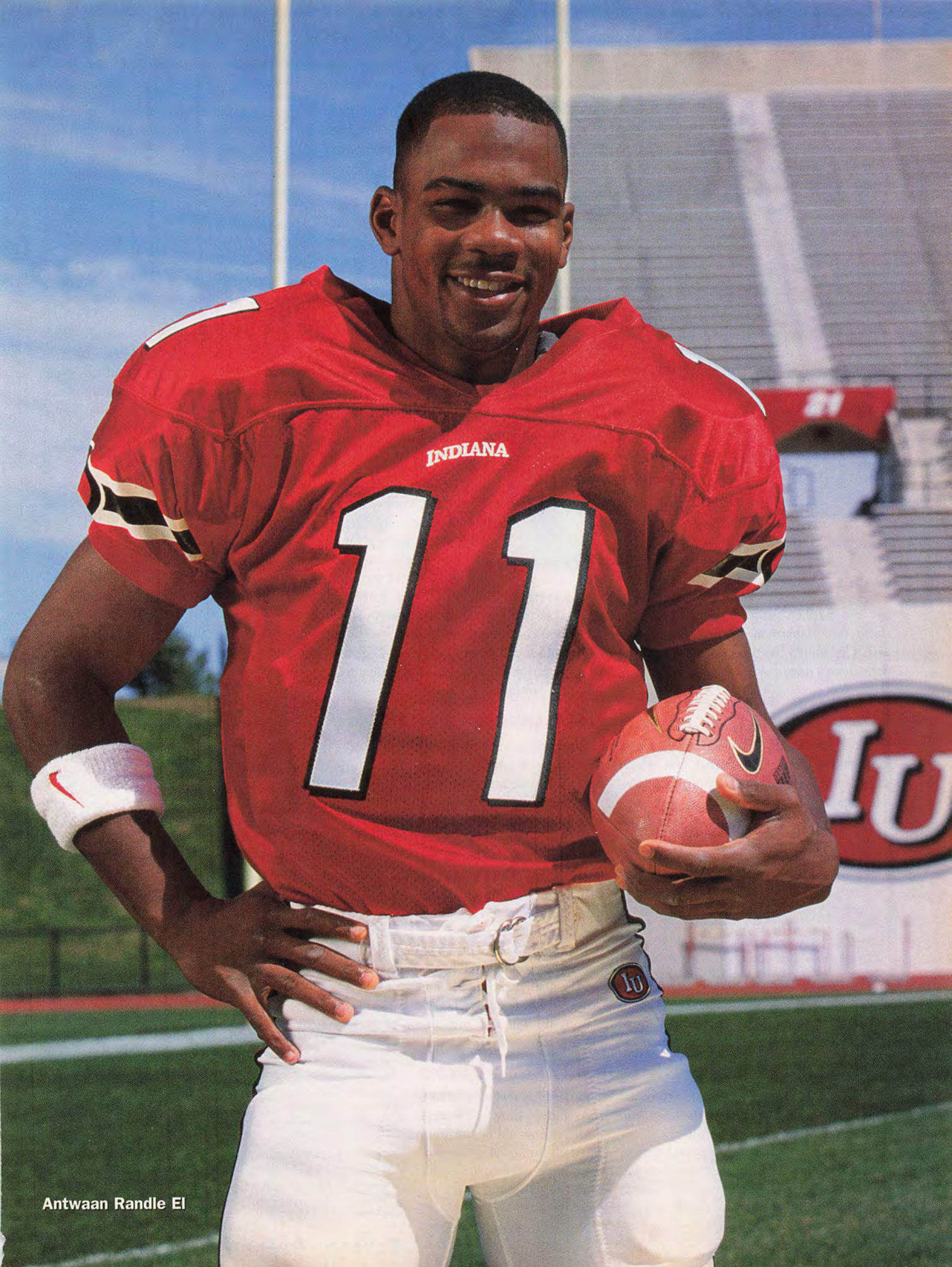
Dru Robinson and Rashon Myles will also factor into the backfield picture. Robinson is a smallish junior college transfer whose forte is his speed. Myles is a 6'1", 218-pound sophomore with the power and strength to hold his own in the Big Ten.

receivers

The receiving corps is the area where Cameron is seeking the greatest improvement, because it has considerable talent but lacks experience. The new group must replace Versie Gaddis, Jerry Dorsey and Derin Graham, who accounted for 1,266 of 1,424 yards by receivers last year.

Randle El will play at flanker, and Williams can be used as a receiver, as well. Henry Frazier, Glenn Johnson, L.J. Parker, David Lewis and Travis Haney all will play. Of these five, only Frazier and Parker caught any balls at all last year, combining for just 71 yards on six receptions.

Redshirt freshman Aaron Halterman and converted defen-



Antwaan Randle El



Devin Schaffer

Joe Robbins

sive end Stephen Anthony will handle tight end duties. Halterman, who missed last year with a leg injury, has the speed and receiving skills to be a downfield threat.

offensive linemen

Indiana started the same five players in the offensive line in all 11 games last year, and four of them return from that unit which allowed only nine sacks all season. The experience gained in that mostly injury-free campaign should pay valuable dividends in 2001.

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The number of rushing yards Antwaan Randle El — the quarterback — needs to become Division I-A's all-time leading rusher among quarterbacks. He has 2,931 career rushing yards and 36 touchdowns. Randle El's 1,270 rushing yards last season were the most by any Division I-A quarterback.

A.C. Myler, who switched from defensive tackle before last season, returns to start at left tackle; Craig Osika, a former tight end, will start again at center; and Enoch DeMar has moved back to tackle from guard. Anthony Oakley, the strongest player on the team, and Jamarkus Gorman are the guards.

Brett Taylor, a 6'8", 304-pound junior, teams with Bobby Brandt, last year's starting tight end at 6'7", 280, to give the Hoosiers remarkable depth at offensive tackle.

defensive linemen

Indiana's secondary took much of the heat last season, but that was due in part to a lack of a pass rush. The Hoosiers rarely rattled opposing quarterbacks and were tied for ninth in the Big Ten in sacks with only 18. Three starting linemen return, but gone is tackle Paul Mandina.

Kemp Rasmussen, a captain and starter at end last season, might be moved inside to tackle. Dominique Smith, a 10-game starter at tackle a year ago, also returns.

Sean Nelson, coming back from a shoulder injury that knocked him out last season, and Derek Barnett are battling for a starting end job, but Barnett should have the edge after starting all 11 games last year. Barnett is big and fast and can be as effective in stopping the run as rushing the passer.

The other end belongs to Steve Williams, who saw action in 10 games at tackle as a true freshman last fall.

linebackers

Linebacker will be the strength of the Hoosier defense, but depth could be an issue. Justin Smith, a team captain, returns at one outside spot after pacing the Hoosiers in both sacks and tackles for loss last season. Devin Schaffer added another nine tackles behind the line and is back at the other outside position.

Brandonn Baker, considered one of the most talented players on IU's defense, started three games at middle linebacker last season and will take over that job this fall.

defensive backs

If the Hoosiers were playing the game show, "Weakest Link", this would be the group voted off immediately based on last year's performance. But things are changing in the secondary.

RISEING STAR

Newcomer **Antonio Watson** was the top-rated junior college defensive back in the nation last year, and he is expected to make an immediate impact in 2001. With his combination of size and speed, he can play either safety or cornerback, but he played safety at Hinds Community College in Mississippi. He enrolled at IU in January and participated in spring drills.

Antonio Watson, a top junior college transfer, will make an immediate impact, probably at free safety. At the corners, Sharrod Wallace, who started 10 games last season, will be the leader of the backfield, while Michael Hanley, who sat out last year for academic reasons, is physical and offers solid coverage. Ron Bethel started every game a year ago at free safety, but he has been moved to strong safety.

specialists

Kicker Andy Payne is gone, and that's a major loss for the Hoosiers. Adam Braucher, who handled kickoffs last season, returns, and his chief competition for the placekicking job is Bryan Robertson. Ryan Hamre returns as the punter.

Randle El will add returning punts to his already impressive resume, and that could be very exciting.

Outside the Huddle

More marks to set Quarterback-turned-wide receiver Antwaan Randle El needs 69 rushing yards and 195 passing yards to become the only player in college football history to pass for 6,000 yards and rush for 3,000 in a career.

Dynamic duos Randle El is one of just two players in Division I-A history to compile over 5,000 passing yards and 2,000 rushing yards during his career. The other is Louisiana-Lafayette's Brian Mitchell. Randle El also joins Michigan's Rick Leach as the only two players to run for 200 career points and pass for 200 more.

What a rush Indiana averaged 266.4 rushing yards last season to lead the Big Ten. IU had 34 rushing touchdowns and averaged 5.8 yards per carry, the second-best average in the nation behind Nebraska.

High marks While the Hoosiers have not posted impressive records in recent years, their graduation rate is among the nation's best. Of 32 football players in the 2000 graduating class, 30 earned degrees. There were 13 IU players named Academic All-Big Ten in 2000.

Fast-break offense Indiana averaged 30.6 points last season, second most in school history.

Losing ways No coach ever gets used to losing, but Cam Cameron hasn't enjoying a winning season since 1996, when he was an assistant with the Washington Redskins.

Good Knight While a student at Indiana in the early 1980s, Cameron played both football and basketball. His basketball coach, Bob Knight, tried to talk Cameron out of a coaching career and into law school instead.

2001 Indiana Roster

2000 Record: 3-8
Big Ten Record: 2-6

Head Coach
Cam Cameron

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
60	Abbs, Trevor	OL	6'6"	262	Jr.	Kendallville, IN
7	Andrews, Erik	WR	6'1"	186	Jr.	New Palestine, IN
85	Anthony, Stephen	TE	6'3"	260	Jr.	Bowling Green, KY
44	Baker, Brandon	MLB	6'0"	240	So.	Houston, TX
99	Barnett, Derek	DE	6'3"	246	Jr.	Evansville, IN
71	Bayh, Chris	LB	5'10"	214	Fr.	Chevy Chase, MD
18	Becks, Brett	DB	5'10"	213	Sr.	Concord, OH
90	Belcher, Jeremy	DE	6'1"	255	Jr.	Martinsville, IN
15	Bethel, Ron	SS	6'3"	215	Jr.	Louisville, KY
46	Bouchard, Rob	FB	6'0"	241	So.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
79	Brandt, Bobby	T	6'7"	280	Jr.	Lancaster, PA
28	Braucher, Adam	K	5'7"	195	So.	Punta Gorda, FL
49	Brown, Robert	LB	6'1"	240	So.	Ft. Wayne, IN
10	Calvert, Matt	DB	6'0"	178	So.	Evansville, IN
23	Carter, A.C.	CB	5'7"	188	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
13	Cate, Randy	LB	5'10"	210	So.	Richmond, IN
50	Christopher, Colin	G	6'1"	284	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
56	Clemons, Jodie	DE	6'2"	251	Fr.	Lansing, MI
70	DeMar, Enoch	T	6'4"	313	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
24	Floyd, Marcus	CB	5'9"	184	Sr.	Bartow, FL
59	Fowler, Herman	DE	6'1"	260	Jr.	Kokomo, IN
6	Frazier, Henry	SE	6'0"	179	Sr.	Vallejo, CA
67	Frink, Jamil	DT	6'2"	270	Jr.	Bloomington, IN
53	Frost, Colin	LS	5'11"	214	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
68	Fryar, Jason	DT	6'8"	326	Fr.	Whiteland, IN
43	Gaudin, Brett	K	6'0"	186	Fr.	Evansville, IN
65	Genasci, Matt	G	6'4"	289	Sr.	Modesto, CA
25	Gonzalez, Joe	SS	6'0"	202	Jr.	Avon Lake, OH
55	Gorman, Jamarkus	G	6'4"	317	Jr.	Ft. Wayne, IN
14	Goss, Greg	DB	5'7"	166	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
87	Haltermann, Aaron	TE	6'5"	258	Fr.	Greenwood, IN
17	Hamdan, Gibran	QB	6'5"	225	Jr.	N. Potomac, MD
38	Hamre, Ryan	HP	6'2"	215	So.	Orlando, FL
80	Haney, Travis	WR	6'4"	206	Fr.	Orange Park, FL
7	Hanley, Michael	CB	5'11"	172	So.	Owensboro, KY
72	Jahnke, Chris	C	6'5"	291	Fr.	Louisville, KY
41	Jensen, Greg	S	5'8"	172	Sr.	Huntington, IN
9	Johnson, Glenn	WR	5'11"	186	Jr.	Clewiston, FL
1	Johnson, Jeremi	FB	5'11"	277	Jr.	Louisville, KY
21	Jones, Herana-Daze	S	5'11"	202	Fr.	Louisville, KY
14	Jones, Tommy	QB	6'3"	241	Jr.	Eaton, OH

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97	Lapostolle, Martin	LB	6'1"	243	Fr.	Montreal, QB
3	Lewis, Brian	TB	5'7"	197	So.	St. Louis, MO
88	Lewis, David	SE	6'0"	174	Fr.	Terre Haute, IN
31	Lloyd, Rico	CB	5'11"	157	Fr.	Dumfries, VA
93	Lumpkin, John	DE	6'2"	263	Fr.	Warren, OH
3	Mason, Matt	DB	5'9"	172	So.	St. Charles, IL
36	Moat, Shane	LB	5'11"	226	Jr.	Bloomington, IN
62	Myler, A.C.	T	6'4"	334	Jr.	Detroit, MI
4	Myles, Rashon	TB	6'1"	218	So.	Dallas, TX
95	Nelson, Sean	DE	6'3"	261	Jr.	Kettering, OH
58	Nunn, Darwin	LB	6'3"	200	Fr.	Detroit, MI
61	Oakley, Anthony	G	6'3"	290	So.	Houston, TX
74	Osika, Craig	C	6'4"	293	Sr.	Hobart, IN
10	Parker, L.J.	WR	6'1"	210	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
54	Phillips, Dan	DE	6'4"	230	Fr.	Mishawaka, IN
91	Radke, Eli	DE	6'2"	231	Fr.	West Lebanon, IN
11	Randle El, Antwaan	ATH	5'10"	190	Sr.	Riverdale, IL
92	Rasmussen, Kemp	DT	6'3"	250	Sr.	Hadley, MI
30	Robinson, Dru	TB	5'9"	188	Jr.	Orrville, OH
8	Schaffer, Devin	OLB	6'1"	242	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
52	Schwegman, Beau	OL	6'2"	283	Fr.	Lawrenceburg, IN
98	Smith, Dominique	DT	6'3"	293	Sr.	Columbia, SC
27	Smith, Justin	OLB	6'0"	213	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
48	Smith, Kevin	OLB	6'1"	218	Fr.	Canton, OH
42	Stone, Duane	CB	5'9"	177	So.	Evanston, IL
78	Stuart, Clay	OL	6'5"	292	Fr.	Lodi, OH
69	Taylor, Brett	T	6'8"	304	Jr.	Troy, MI
16	Thompson, Patrick	QB	6'2"	219	Fr.	Paterson, NJ
88	Udler, Aaron	K	6'4"	235	Jr.	Potomac, MD
77	Wagner, Jacob	OL	6'6"	294	Fr.	Springfield, OH
22	Wallace, Sharrod	CB	5'8"	183	Sr.	Harrisburg, PA
57	Warriner, Kyle	LS	5'8"	208	Fr.	Plainfield, IN
2	Watson, Antonio	FS	6'1"	194	Jr.	Kankakee, IL
5	Williams, Levron	TB	6'3"	222	Sr.	Evansville, IN
64	Williams, Steve	DE	6'3"	242	So.	Bolingbrook, IL
29	Young, Clarence	S	6'0"	189	So.	Detroit, MI

2001 Signees

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Victor Adeyanju **DE** **6'5"** **215** **Chicago, IL**
 Recorded 45 tackles and 10 sacks in five games last season. Runs a 4.5 in the 40.

Leonard Bryant **DB** **5'10"** **180** **Immokalee, FL**
 Tallied 31 tackles and three INTs in 2000. Went to the same school as NFL running back Edgerrin James.

Matt Buchholz **TE** **6'4"** **235** **San Bernardino, CA**
 Had 34 rec. for 300 yds. and led all conference tight ends in rec. at San Bernardino Valley (CA) CC.

Courtney Clency **RB** **5'10"** **185** **Indianapolis, IN**
 Indiana Gatorade POY. All-state DB. Finished his career with 5,116 rushing yds. and 69 TDs

Brandon Hatcher **DT** **6'2"** **275** **Detroit, MI**
 All-state pick. Finished with nine sacks as a senior. Detroit Free Press Dream Team member.

Damien Jones **DB** **5'10"** **185** **Houston, TX**
 Houston Touchdown Club Defensive POY. Tallied eight INTs in 2000. Returned five for scores.

Kyle Koester **FB** **6'1"** **250** **Cincinnati, OH**
 Cincinnati Post's Division I POY. Finished career with over 4,300 career rushing yds.

Martin Lapostolle **LB** **6'2"** **240** **Montreal, PQ**
 Posted over 70 tackles and six sacks last year. Runs a 4.7 in the 40.

Buster Larkins **DB** **5'11"** **180** **Indianapolis, IN**
 Had 32 tackles and three INTs last season. Finished with 54 tackles and eight INTs as a junior.

Will Lumpkin **DB** **5'11"** **192** **Dayton, OH**
 Recorded 68 tackles, four sacks and five INTs last year. Second-team all-state.

Willie Northern **DB** **6'1"** **195** **Quincy, FL**
 The third-rated junior college defensive back in the country by SuperPrep. Played at San Francisco CC.

Ted Pace **LB** **6'1"** **185** **Jupiter, FL**
 Tallied 103 tackles last season for a 12-2 team. Runs a 4.38 in the 40.

Bryan Robertson **K** **5'9"** **180** **Seymour, IN**
 Kicked a state-record 61-yard field goal in 1999. Tabbed by Foxsports.com as one of the top 100 football players in the country prior to the 2000 season.

Dru Robinson **RB** **5'10"** **195** **Orrville, OH**
 Rushed for 29 TDs as a senior in 1998. Played at San Francisco CC last season.

Michael Robinson **WR** **6'6"** **210** **Orrville, OH**
 Had 15 TDs of more than 20 yds. in high school. Attended Fork Union (VA) Military Academy last year.

Courtney Roby **WR** **6'1"** **180** **Indianapolis, IN**
 In 2000, he carried 55 times for 539 yds. and six TDs and caught 12 passes for 296 yds and three TDs.

Isaac Sowell **OL** **6'5"** **290** **Louisville, KY**
 Four-year starter. Participated in the state track and field meet in the shot put.

Jason Sullivan **RB** **6'1"** **235** **Staten Island, NY**
 SuperPrep All-America. Rushed for 1,660 yds. and 18 TDs for a 10-1 club that won the city championship.

Carlos Tipton **LB** **6'3"** **200** **Cincinnati, OH**
 First-team all-league. Runs a 10.8 in the 100m. Southwest Ohio All-District in 2000.

Yamar Washington **RB** **5'10"** **200** **Houston, TX**
 Named Offensive POY by the Greater Houston Touchdown Club. Rushed for 1,712 yds. last season.

Antonio Watson **S** **6'1"** **198** **Kankakee, IL**
 The nation's top-rated JUCO defensive back by SuperPrep. Played at Hinds (MS) CC last year.

Courtney Young **DT** **6'5"** **282** **Bartow, FL**
 Helped lead San Francisco CC to the 2000 California Community College state championship.

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	6	Henry Frazier (Sr.)	88	David Lewis (Fr.)
LT	62	A.C. Myler (Jr.)	69	Brett Taylor (Jr.)
LG	61	Anthony Oakley (So.)	65	Matt Genasci (Sr.)
C	74	Craig Osika (Sr.)	76	Chris Jahnke (Fr.)
RG	55	Jamarkus Gorman (Sr.)	50	Colin Christopher (So.)
RT	70	Enoch DeMar (Jr.)	79	Bobby Brandt (Jr.)
TE	87	Aaron Haltermann (Fr.)	85	Stephen Anthony (Jr.)
FL	11	Antwaan Randle El (Sr.)	9	Glenn Johnson (Jr.)
QB	14	Tommy Jones (Jr.)	17	Gibran Hamdan (Jr.)
FB	1	Jeremi Johnson (Jr.)	46	Rob Bouchard (So.)
TB	5	Levron Williams (Sr.)	3	Brian Lewis (So.)

Defense (7)

LE	99	Derek Barnett (Jr.)	95	Sean Nelson (Jr.)
LT	92	Kemp Rasmussen (Sr.)	67	Jamil Frink (Jr.)
RT	98	Dominique Smith (Sr.)	68	Jason Fryar (Fr.)
RE	64	Steve Williams (So.)	59	Herman Fowler (Jr.)
OLB	27	Justin Smith (Sr.)	58	Darvin Nunn (Fr.)
MLB	44	Brandon Baker (So.)	49	Robert Brown (So.)
OLB	8	Devin Schaffer (Sr.)	48	Kevin Smith (Fr.)
LCB	7	Michael Hanley (So.)	31	Rico Lloyd (Fr.)
RC	22	Sharrod Wallace (Sr.)	23	A.C. Carter (Jr.)
SS	15	Ron Bethel (Jr.)	25	Joe Gonzalez (Jr.)
FS	2	Antonio Watson (Jr.)	21	Herana Daze-Jones (Fr.)

Special Teams

K	28	Adam Braucher (So.)
P	38	Ryan Hamre (So.)
KR	23	A.C. Carter (Jr.)
PR	11	Antwaan Randle El (Sr.)

Returning Leaders

Passing: Antwaan Randle El, 133-277-1,783-14, 10 TDs

Rushing: Antwaan Randle El, 218 car., 1,270 yds., 13 TDs

Receiving: Levron Williams, 20 rec., 116 yds., 0 TDs

Scoring: Antwaan Randle El, 13 TDs, 78 points

Punting: Ryan Hamre, 16 punts, 37.4 avg.

Kicking: none

Tackles: Justin Smith 74, 54 solo

Tackles for loss: Justin Smith, 14 for 68 yds.

Sacks: Justin Smith, 6

Interceptions: Sharrod Wallace, 2 for 15 yds.

Kickoff returns: A.C. Carter, 17 ret., 15.5 yds.

Punt returns: Henry Frazier, 1 ret., 10.0 yds.

2000 Results

S. 9	NC State	L	38-41
S.16	at Kentucky	L	34-41
S.23	Cincinnati	W	42-6
S.30	Iowa	W	45-33
O. 7	at Northwestern	L	33-52
O.14	at Michigan	L	0-58
O.21	Minnesota	W	51-43
O.28	Penn State	L	24-27
N. 4	at Illinois	L	35-42
N.11	Wisconsin	L	22-43
N.18	at Purdue	L	13-41

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters



The Iowa Hawkeyes finally have something to smile about. After a dismal 1999 and a rough start in 2000, the team closed out last season with wins over Penn State and Northwestern. So as coach Kirk Ferentz enters his third season, he's hopeful as well as realistic.

"Our attitude, work ethic and tempo have been great, but we've got a lot of work to do," says Ferentz, who has 16 starters coming back after last season's 3-9 campaign. "I think we are more physical."

The Hawkeyes are also a year older and more talented. In addition, the strong finish attracted a solid recruiting class.

On offense, the team is looking to run the ball better after finishing last in the Big Ten last season in rushing and scoring. Developing depth at fullback, tight end and wide receiver will be key.

On defense, the team must improve its pass defense and pass rush. The Hawkeyes were ranked second-to-last in the conference last season in both categories.

quarterbacks

Senior Kyle McCann started the final four games last season, and he is slated to pick up where he left off this fall. He began last season as the second string quarterback, but an injury to starter Jon Beutjer forced McCann into action, and it was McCann who led the team to its victories late in the season. He threw for 862 yards and five touchdowns in the last four-plus games. Beutjer threw for 841 yards and six touchdowns before getting hurt.

Junior Nick Whisler and junior college transfer Brad



Aaron Kampman

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Keys to Significant Progress

If the defense can make strides, Kirk Ferentz may flirt with his first winning season since taking over the program in 1999. Last season the Hawkeye defense gave up too many touchdowns and far too many yards. So whether it's with younger players or the returning talent, Ferentz must find a way to slow down the opposition. He may have the nucleus in place to do just that.

Looking Ahead

S. 1 Kent State	W	QB	Kyle McCann
S. 8 Miami (Ohio)	W	RB	Ladell Betts
S. 15 at Iowa State	L	WR	Kahlil Hill
S. 29 Penn State	L	T	Alonzo Cunningham
O. 6 at Purdue	L	DE	Aaron Kampman
O. 13 at Michigan State	L	SS	Bob Sanders
O. 20 Indiana	W	CB	Matt Stockdale
O. 27 Michigan	L	K	Nate Kaeding
N. 3 at Wisconsin	L		
N. 10 at Northwestern	L		
N. 17 Minnesota	*		

Key Players

The Hawkeyes again will play a tough schedule. But it won't be as difficult as the 2000 slate which featured non-conference matchups with Kansas State and Nebraska. The home games with Indiana and Minnesota will determine who finishes 11th in the Big 10.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss.
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Banks could figure into the mix, as could sophomore David Raih. Whisler has been plagued by injury the last three seasons, but he appears to be healthier than ever.

running backs

Iowa got 1,118 yards out of this position last year, and 1,090 of it came from Ladell Betts, who is poised for an outstanding senior season. He rushed for 100 yards or more four times. He also ranks third on the school's career rushing chart with 2,626 yards and could finish his career at the top. Behind him will be sophomores Aaron Greiving and Fred Russell, and redshirt freshman Jermelle Lewis.

The Iowa coaching staff feels so good about these four players that not a single running back was signed as part of the 2001 recruiting class.

At fullback, senior Jeremy Allen is back. He started six games last year and was the team's second-leading rusher with 135 yards on 34 carries. Much like last year, Allen will be used primarily as a blocker.

He will get support from sophomore Edgar Cervantes and redshirt freshman Aaron Mickens.

receivers

Losing offensive MVP Kevin Kasper and Ryan Barton will hurt. They combined for 100 catches, more than 1,200 yards and eight touchdowns last season.

But the cupboard is not completely bare. Honorable mention All-Big Ten pick Kahlil Hill is back after catching 58 passes for 619 yards and five touchdowns last season. Senior Chris Oliver is the only other returning player at this posi-



Ladel Betts



Kahlil Hill

tion. He caught 10 passes for 206 yards and two touchdowns. Senior Tim Dodge will also offer support after moving over from the defensive backfield.

The tight end position is wide open after one player graduated and another moved to the offensive line. Sophomore Erik Jensen lettered last year after catching two passes for 37 yards. He appears to be the primary candidate to lead at this position. But also figuring in the mix will be converted linebacker Dallas Clark and redshirt freshmen Tony Jackson and Andy Thorn.

9 The combined margin of defeat for Iowa in its last two losses last season. The Hawkeyes beat Penn State and Northwestern late, but lost close decisions to Wisconsin and Minnesota.

offensive linemen

Junior Eric Steinbach will likely take over at the center position for A.J. Blazek, who has been lost to graduation. Steinbach wound up starting three games last season at one of the guard spots. Juniors Andy Lightfoot and Bruce Nelson will be the starters at guard. Sophomore Robert Gallery and senior Alonzo Cunningham are returning starters at tackle.

Senior Ben Sobieski is another talented lineman. He started in all 11 games as a

sophomore before getting hurt. Junior Pete Traynor is a capable backup at center.

defensive linemen

Anthony Herron is gone and so are his 64 tackles and three sacks from a year ago. But senior All-America candidate Aaron Kampman is back at end. He spent his first two years at linebacker before making the switch last year and finishing the season with 94 tackles, three sacks and one interception.

Joining him will be seniors Jerry Montgomery and Derrick Pickens and junior Colin Cole. Montgomery started all 12 games last year.

Pickens started 11 games and finished with a team-leading seven sacks. Sophomore Jonathan Babineaux will also help out after moving over from fullback.

linebackers

LeVar Woods is gone, and he will be missed. He led the team last year in tackles with 97. But several top linebackers are back, including seniors Mike Dolezal and Roger Meyer, junior Fred Barr and sophomore Kevin Worthy.

Meyer was second on the team in tackles with 95. He also had two sacks. Dolezal and Barr each finished with 72 stops last season.

Freshman Charlie Bodiford, sophomores Grant Steen and George Lewis, and junior Tony Burrier will also be in the mix at linebacker

defensive backs

Losing starting free safety Ryan Hansen to graduation and Dodge to the other side of the ball makes life a bit more difficult. But those coming back are solid. The cornerstones are sophomore strong safety Bob Sanders, senior cornerback Matt Stockdale and

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Sophomore kicker **Nate Kaeding**, who enters the season with seven consecutive field goals made, has the potential to be one of the best in the Big Ten this season. He may also show his stuff as the punter if a replacement for Jason Baker can't be identified.

sophomore cornerback Benny Sapp.

Chris Smith, D.J. Johnson, Shane Hall, Mikkell Brown and Derek Pagel will be in the mix, as well. JC transfer Jermire Roberts could also be a candidate for a spot in the lineup.

Incoming freshmen could also make an impact in an attempt to shore up a unit that gave up 21 touchdown passes last season.

specialists

Sophomore kicker Nate Kaeding is back after being named to the *Sporting News* freshman All-America team. He finished last season by making seven consecutive field goals.

Kaeding is also the leading candidate to take over the punting chores now that Jason Baker is gone. Freshman David Bradley may also figure in the mix as a punter.

Hill and Oliver will return punts again. Hill and Dodge will likely return kicks. Hill finished second in the Big Ten last season with a 27.2-yard average on his returns.

Outside the Huddle

Stiff competition Iowa played the sixth-strongest schedule in the nation last year as eight opponents wound up competing in bowl games. That included Kansas State, Iowa State, Nebraska and four Big Ten teams.

First-timers A total of 27 players earned their first playing time last year while 18 players received their first career start. Iowa also returns four players this season who started all 12 games last year.

Climbing the charts Iowa starting quarterback Kyle McCann is currently ranked 10th on the school's all-time list for attempts and passing yards. He also ranks ninth in career completions.

Hot start Second-string quarterback Jon Beutjer threw for 380 yards and four touchdowns last season in his first-ever college game, against Indiana. The four TDs were the most for an Iowa QB since 1992.

Offensive starts Iowa began all 12 games last year on offense. The Hawkeyes won the coin toss seven times, electing to receive each time. The other five times, the opponent won the toss and deferred its choice to the start of the second half.

Outstanding performers Never before last season had the Hawkeyes had a 1,000-yard rusher (Ladell Betts) and a 1,000-yard pass catcher (Kevin Kasper) in the same year. Kasper became just the third Hawkeye to top 1,000 yards in a season and the first to do so since 1987.

Good support Support for Iowa football remains strong even though the Hawkeyes have won just four games over the last two seasons. Iowa averaged 61,123 fans for its six home games in 2000, ranking 24th in the nation in attendance.

2001 Iowa Roster

2000 Record: 3-9
Big 10 Record: 3-5

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Kirk Ferentz

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90	Clarks, Jared	DL	6'5"	287	So.	W. Des Moines, IA
94	Cole, Colin	DL	6'2"	300	Jr.	Plantation, FL
3	Considine, Sean	DB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Byron, IL
15	Crockett, Robbie	RB	6'0"	207	Sr.	Battle Creek, MI
74	Cunningham, Alonzo	OL	6'4"	305	Sr.	Iowa City, IA
55	Densmore, Adam	OL	6'4"	290	So.	Boulder, CO
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6	Ejiasi, Chigozie	DB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
89	Eller, Nick	TE	6'4"	248	So.	Hubbard, IA
69	Freeman, Marshall	DL	6'4"	210	Fr.	Geneseo, IL
78	Gallery, Robert	OL	6'7"	300	So.	Masonville, IA
52	Gancarczyk, Jacob	LB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Joliet, IL
34	Greving, Aaron	RB	5'11"	207	So.	Ames, IA
10	Hall, Shane	DB	5'11"	201	Sr.	Burnsville, MN
17	Haralson, Aramis	DB	6'3"	197	Fr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
63	Helms, Jory	DL	6'2"	265	So.	Chicago, IL
3	Hill, Kahlil	WR	6'3"	195	Sr.	Iowa City, IA
48	Hodges, Howard	DL	6'2"	235	So.	Copperas Cove, TX
86	Holloway, Warren	WR	5'10"	184	Fr.	Homewood, IL
61	Hoveland, Jason	OL	6'5"	305	Jr.	Rowley, IA
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Brad Banks **QB** **6'1"** **180** **Belle Glade, FL**
Quarterbacked Hinds (MS) CC to an 11-1 record as a sophomore. Passed for 16 TDs last season.

C.J. Barkema **TE** **6'8"** **235** **Muscatine, IA**
First-team all-state. Rated the No. 43 tight end in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Caught 52 passes for 648 yds. and 12 TDs as a senior.

Matt Bohnet **QB** **6'3"** **210** **Grand Ledge, MI**
All-state pick. Team captain and MVP as a senior. Completed 123 of 207 passes for 2,052 yds. and 17 TDs last season.

Darius Butler **WR** **6'1"** **190** **Plantation, FL**
SuperPrep All-Southeast Team. Had over 120 career rec. for almost 2000 yds. Team finished 21-5 the last two years.

De'Von Clark **WR** **6'3"** **160** **S. Holland, IL**
All-conference as a senior. Had 95 career rec. for 1,645 yds. and 22 TDs.

Ben Cronin **OL** **6'5"** **270** **Ames, IA**
Two-time all-state pick. PrepStar All-America. Started 31 varsity games in three-year career.

Fabian Dodd **DL** **6'3"** **280** **Lauderhill, FL**
All-state pick. Broward County Super 11 member. Recorded 223 career tackles and 18 sacks.

Brian Ferentz **OL** **6'2"** **245** **Iowa City, IA**
All-state pick. Named to the *Des Moines Register* All-State team last season. Team captain as a senior.

Mike Follett **DB** **6'5"** **215** **W. Des Moines, IA**
Rivals.com No. 73 safety in the nation. Runs a 4.6 in the 40. Team captain as a senior.

Ben Gates **TE** **6'6"** **235** **Toledo, IA**
Career totals include 1,434 receiving yds. and 14 TDs. All-state selection. Twice named to the KGAN all-area team.

Lee Gray **DL** **6'6"** **270** **Dallas, TX**
Named all-state on both offense and defense. Collected 74 tackles as a senior. Runs a 4.8 in the 40.

Chad Greenway **DB** **6'4"** **215** **Mt. Vernon, SD**
Three-time all-state player. Gatorade POY last season. Recorded 407 career tackles and 23 INTs.

Ed Hinkel **DB** **6'1"** **170** **Erie, PA**
All-state pick. Had 108 tackles and 16 INTs in his prep career. Team nationally ranked by *USA Today*.

Abdul Hodge **LB** **6'2"** **220** **Ft. Lauderdale, FL**
SuperPrep All-America last season. All-state pick. Broward County MVP on defense as a senior.

C.J. Jones **WR** **6'0"** **185** **Boynton Bch., FL**
Named to the Elite 16 JUCO All-America squad as a sophomore at Garden City (KS) CC. Had 42 rec. for 927 yds. and 10 TDs last year.

Blake Larsen **OL** **6'7"** **304** **Atlantic, IA**
Iowa's Gatorade POY. Parade All-America. Ranked the No. 1 offensive lineman in the nation by *Rivals.com*.

Matt Neubauer **LB** **6'6"** **225** **Iowa Falls, IA**
Second-team all-state. Tallied 263 tackles and two INTs in his career.

Jermire Roberts **DB** **6'2"** **210** **Port Arthur, TX**
Had a conference-record 11 INTs last season at Trinity Valley (TX) CC.

Matt Roth **LB** **6'4"** **245** **Villa Park, IL**
Conference Defensive POY. Had 271 tackles and 15 sacks in his career. Had 12 blocked kicks as a senior.

Adolphus Shelton **DB** **5'10"** **165** **Dallas, TX**
Posted 73 career tackles and four INTs. State qualifier in the 100 and 200m dashes.

Kahari Stewart **WR** **6'6"** **230** **Detroit, MI**
All-state pick. Had 18 sacks as a junior. Had 62 tackles and 27 sacks as a senior. Runs a 4.6 in the 40.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	3	Kahlil Hill (Sr., 2)	9	Maurice Brown (So., 0)
LT	74	Alonzo Cunningham (Sr., 3)	65	Ben Sobieski (Sr., 2)
LG	52	Bruce Nelson (Jr., 2)	76	Sam Aiello (So., 1)
C	56	Eric Steinbach (Jr., 2)	64	Pete Traynor (Jr., 1)
RG	70	Andy Lightfoot (Jr., 2)	71	Eric Rothwell (So., 0)
RT	78	Robert Gallery (So., 1)	75	Kory Borchers (So., 0)
TE	35	Erik Jensen (So., 1)	81	Tony Jackson (Fr., 0)
FB	47	Jeremy Allen (Sr., 3)	43	Aaron Mickens (Fr., 0)
RB	46	Ladell Betts (Sr., 3)	34	Aaron Greving (So., 1)
QB	4	Kyle McCann (Sr., 3)	16	Jon Beutjer (So., 1)
WR	6	Chris Oliver (Sr., 3)	1	Tim Dodge (Sr., 2)

Defense (7)

DE	94	Colin Cole (Jr., 2)	66	Joseph Uelman (Sr., 1)
DT	92	Derrick Pickens (Sr., 1)	90	Jared Clauss (So., 1)
DT	91	Jerry Montgomery (Sr., 3)	58	Scott Webb (Jr., 1)
DE	54	Aaron Kampman (Sr., 3)	48	Howard Hodges (So., 1)
LB	39	Mike Dolezal (Sr., 3)	50	George Lewis (So., 1)
LB	51	Fred Barr (Jr., 2)	53	Kevin Worthy (So., 1)
LB	30	Roger Meyer (Sr., 3)	42	Grant Steen (So., 1)
SS	33	Bob Sanders (So., 1)	25	Derek Pagel (Jr., 2)
FS	20	Chris Smith (So., 1)	5	D.J. Johnson (Jr., 2)
CB	21	Matt Stockdale (Sr., 3)	17	Aramis Haralson (Fr., 0)
CB	19	Benny Sapp (So., 1)	8	Mikkel Brown (Sr., 2)

Special Teams

K	95	Nate Kaeding (So., 1)
P	95	Nate Kaeding (So., 1)
KR	3	Kahlil Hill (Sr., 2)
PR	3	Kahlil Hill (Sr., 2)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Kyle McCann, 136-79-862-4, 5 TDs
Rushing: Ladell Betts, 232 car., 1,090 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Kahlil Hill, 58 rec., 619 yds., 5 TDs
Scoring: Nate Kaeding, 14 FGs, 20 XPs, 62 points
Punting: none
Kicking: Nate Kaeding, 14-22 FGs, 20-20 XPs
Tackles: Roger Meyer, 95, 60 solo
Tackles for loss: Jerry Montgomery, 11 for 31 yds.
Sacks: Derrick Pickens, 7
Interceptions: Tim Dodge, 2 for 2 yds.
Kickoff returns: Kahlil Hill, 25 ret., 27.2 yds.
Punt returns: Kahlil Hill, 16 ret., 9.6 yds.

2000 Results

A. 26	Kansas State@	L	7-27
S. 9	Western Michigan	L	21-27
S. 16	Iowa State	L	14-24
S. 23	at Nebraska	L	13-42
S. 30	at Indiana	L	33-45
O. 7	Michigan State	W	21-16
O. 14	at Illinois	L	0-31
O. 21	Ohio State	L	10-38
O. 28	Wisconsin	L	7-13
N. 4	at Penn State	W	26-23
N. 11	Northwestern	W	27-17
N. 18	at Minnesota	L	24-27
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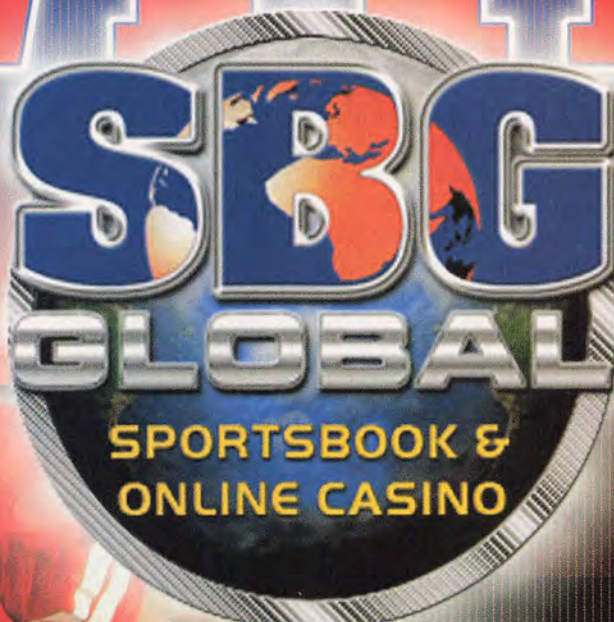
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The post-Drew Henson era at Michigan is starting a year earlier than planned. And his departure just so happens to coincide with the Wolverines' need to replace four starters on the offensive line, their all-time leading rusher and an NFL-bound receiver who left a year early.

"We lost tremendous players, and you don't replace guys like that overnight," Michigan coach Lloyd Carr says.

Henson was to return as the Wolverines' starting quarterback and was projected to be a Heisman Trophy contender, but instead followed his heart to baseball. He decided in March to accept an offer from the New York Yankees and give up football for good.

"He gave up a lot," Carr says. "There isn't any question in my mind that giving up an opportunity to come back and play another year at Michigan is something that down the road he's going to miss."

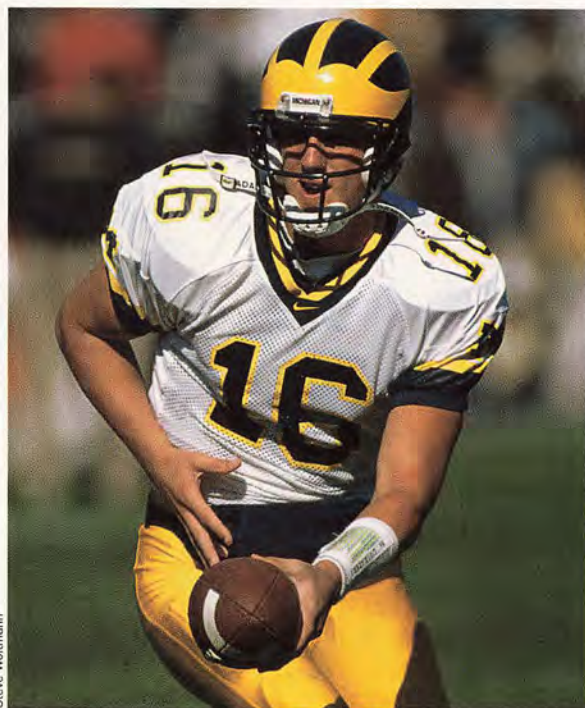
Carr says he has no hard feelings, but the Wolverines will certainly miss Henson and his game-breaking ability. While their offense loses much of its firepower, Michigan's defense, much-maligned the last two seasons, will be the team's strength as it loses only three starters.

quarterbacks

When Henson broke his right foot before last season, redshirt freshman John Navarre stepped in to start the first four games. Now that Henson is playing third base in the Yankees organization, Navarre again inherits the starting job.

"He mentally is prepared for that challenge," Carr says.

Navarre is a 6'6" dropback passer in the Michigan mold, and what he lacks in mobility he makes up for with a strong



Steve Woltmann

John Navarre

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Keys to a Big Ten title

There have been major offensive losses, including four starters in the line. Michigan's defense should be solid, and the Wolverines also should be fine at tailback and receiver, but the key will be shoring up the offensive line and providing protection for quarterback John Navarre. Mobility is not his forte.

Looking Ahead

S. 1	Miami (Ohio)	W
S. 8	at Washington	*
S. 15	Western Michigan	W
S. 22	Illinois	W
O. 6	at Penn State	W
O. 13	Purdue	W
O. 27	at Iowa	W
N. 3	at Michigan State	W
N. 10	Minnesota	W
N. 17	at Wisconsin	W
N. 24	Ohio State	*

Key Players

QB	John Navarre
TB	Chris Perry
WR	Marquise Walker
C	Jonathan Goodwin
DE	Dan Rumishek
DT	Jake Frysinger
LB	Victor Hobson
LB	Eric Brackins
LB	Larry Foote
CB	Todd Howard

The game at Washington Sept. 8 will be the most significant test. The Wolverines are 1-3 against the Huskies in their last four meetings, including a split of their last two Rose Bowl matchups. November will be the make-or-break month with games at Michigan State and Wisconsin and the Ohio State game at Ann Arbor. OSU has not won at Michigan since 1987.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.

W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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arm and excellent accuracy. He also has the benefit of starting those four games last season.

Navarre had strong showings in the first two games against Bowling Green and Rice, then struggled in a 23-20 loss at UCLA. He started the Illinois game and was struggling when Henson came in just before halftime. Navarre was 40-of-77 for 583 yards, threw eight touchdowns and one interception last season.

Jermaine Gonzales is the backup and Andy Mignery is third-string, but the wild card is San Diego State transfer Spencer Brinton, who has spent the last two years on a Mormon mission.

running backs

Anthony Thomas, the program's all-time leading rusher, is gone and his workhorse production will be missed. But sophomore Chris Perry is bigger and faster than Thomas and is considered something special. Perry, who rushed for 417 yards last season, will be the starter with Walter Cross and Ryan Beard as the backups. Two incoming freshmen, David Underwood and Kelly Baraka, are certain to be factors.

B.J. Askew, who moved from tailback to fullback last season, will likely be used at both positions this year and is the best receiver out of the backfield.

receivers

David Terrell left for the NFL with a year of eligibility remaining, and the Wolverines will sorely miss his brilliant pass-catching ability. Still, this is a position of depth. Marquise Walker and Ronald Bellamy, underused last season, are

Matt Brown



Victor Hobson



defensive linemen

With tackle Jake Frysinger lost to a foot injury and nose tackle Eric Wilson out four games with injury, the line struggled last year. Wilson has graduated but Frysinger is back for his final year, and Carr says he sees a much stronger, more physical front.

Grant Bowman or Norman Heuer will start at nose tackle, Frysinger and Shawn Lazarus will split time at tackle, as will Dan Rumishek and Alain Kashama at end.

Larry Stevens, who gained 25 pounds in the off-season to weigh in at 254, will start at rush end.

linebackers

Michigan has produced solid linebackers the last five seasons, and this fall will be no different. The Wolverines have a veteran crew with defensive leader Larry Foote and Eric Brackins starting inside and Victor Hobson starting outside.



Foote, Hobson and Brackins were among the top five on the team in tackles last season, with Foote finishing second overall with 84. The three combined for 31 tackles behind the line in 2000.

defensive backs

The secondary has been considered a weakness the last two seasons, but look for serious improvement this fall. Jeremy LeSueur, who missed most of the 1999 season with a knee injury, started two games last season and is now back to full strength. LeSueur will start at one corner opposite Todd Howard, who had a team-high six interceptions last year, although Markus Curry and Brandon Williams could challenge for the starting job.

Julius Curry will start at strong safety and likely will be backed up by freshman Ernest Shazor, considered among the

★ RISING STAR

With the departure of Anthony Thomas, Michigan's all-time leading rusher, sophomore **Chris Perry** will now handle the bulk of carries. Perry brings good size and tremendous speed. In 2000 he averaged 5.4 yards a carry and scored five touchdowns.

best defensive backs coming out of high school this year. Cato June, who missed last season with a knee injury, could start at free safety, but converted tailback Charles Drake might have the edge when the season begins.

specialists

It's not that Hayden Epstein is selfish, but he happens to be exceptionally capable of handling all of the kicking duties. He has a booming leg and was a Ray Guy punter award finalist last year. He also handles kick-offs and all placekicking, but the search is on for a backup. Phil Brabbs and Adam Finley are the main contenders.

The return game is the real issue, particularly on kickoffs. The Wolverines averaged just 17.1 yards a return, and Cross appeared to be the best option. Cross will return kick-offs again, and don't be surprised to see Perry and freshman Baraka in there. Michigan was much stronger on punt returns with Ronald Bellamy handling 75 percent of the opportunities.

Outside the Huddle

Big numbers With their Citrus Bowl victory over Auburn on Jan. 1, Michigan earned its NCAA Division I Heading 805th victory. The program is 805-262-36 through 121 seasons. Only Yale (807) has more victories.

Big fun at the Big House For the third-straight year and 26th time in the last 27 years, U-M led the country in home attendance with 664,930 for six games (110,822 average). And for the second time in school history (1985 was the first), every game was a sellout.

Dozen too much Michigan explored the possibility of a 12th game in 2001, which would have been called the Michigan Charity Classic at Michigan Stadium, but the Wolverines could not find an opponent. Bill Martin, Michigan's athletic director, had anticipated the game would bring in \$1.3 million for the department.

Field of dreams Michigan Stadium went to a grass field in 1991, but this will be the year that decides whether it will remain that way. U-M went to the ultra-popular FieldTurf — artificial turf that feels like grass — in its indoor facility and was met with rave reviews from the players. If the stadium grass does not see a lessening of divots and slickness this year, U-M might go to FieldTurf.

You don't say Michigan quarterback and Wisconsin-native John Navarre was recruited by Wisconsin as a defensive end. Navarre was actually first-team all-state at end his senior year and was honorable mention at quarterback.

Opening day Michigan is 8-1-1 in its last 10 season openers, and it appears the Wolverines will add to that winning record when they open at home with Miami (Ohio).

Marquise Walker

the returning veterans, but Zia Combs, Brent Cummings and Calvin Bell are speedy underclassmen who also will get a shot.

This season could also signal the return of the tight end to Michigan's receiving game. That mostly depends on Shawn Thompson and how he has recovered from a knee injury that knocked him out last season.

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Michigan's current bowl streak, which ranks second only to Nebraska's 27 consecutive bowl appearances. Michigan is ninth in all-time bowl appearances with 32.

offensive linemen

This is the major rebuilding project for the Wolverines. They return only one starter, Jonathan Goodwin, from a line that produced two NFL first-round picks. Goodwin missed spring practice with a minor shoulder injury, but he is expected to start the season at center and could very well switch to right guard, where he started last season.

Tony Pape and Demeterius Solomon, a pair of 6'6", 300-pounders who lettered as freshmen last year, will start at the tackles. Ben Mast and Joe Denay are the guards, and expect to see Dave Petruziello, who switched from the defensive line before spring practice, work in at guard also. Mast is one of the more versatile linemen and could play guard, tackle and even center.

2001 Michigan Roster

2000 Record: 9-3
Big Ten Record: 6-2
Head Coach
Lloyd Carr

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
71	Anderson, Kurt	C	6'4"	299	Sr.	Glenbrook, IL
44	Armstrong, Dave	FB	6'3"	254	Jr.	Doylestown, PA
35	Askew, B.J.	FB	6'3"	224	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
5	Baas, David	G	6'5"	299	Fr.	Sarasota, FL
64	Baker, Stephen	LB	6'1"	244	Jr.	Valley Stream, NY
29	Beard, Ryan	TB	5'9"	209	So.	Houston, TX
27	Bell, Calvin	WR	6'1"	190	So.	Simi Valley, CA
19	Bellamy, Ronald	WR	6'0"	193	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
61	Blackman, Josh	OL	6'5"	299	Fr.	Jackson, MI
60	Bowman, Grant	NT	6'1"	281	So.	Blacklick, OH
34	Brabbs, Phil	K	6'1"	197	So.	Midland, MI
41	Bracken, Timmy	RB	5'10"	203	Fr.	White Castle, LA
51	Brackins, Eric	ILB	6'2"	235	Sr.	Pigeon Forge, TN
45	Blackman, Phillip	TE	6'4"	222	So.	Pigeon Forge, TN
65	Brown, Andy	OL	6'2"	295	So.	Grand Ledge, MI
9	Butler, Tyrece	WR	6'3"	204	So.	Indianapolis, IN
91	Casseus, Emmanuel	LB	6'2"	237	So.	Montreal, Quebec
17	Cassidy, Sean	QB	6'4"	217	Fr.	Columbus, OH
55	Christophel, Andy	OL	6'3"	279	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
39	Coleman, Evan	RE	6'0"	269	Sr.	Houston, TX
31	Combs, Zia	WR	5'11"	169	So.	Lexington, KY
8	Cross, Walter	TB	5'11"	209	Sr.	Fort Washington, MD
36	Cummings, Brent	WR	5'11"	184	So.	Belding, MI
22	Curry, Julius	SS	6'0"	191	Jr.	Detroit, MI
30	Curry, Markus	CB	6'0"	180	Fr.	Detroit, MI
63	Cwayna, P.J.	ILB	5'11"	225	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
15	DeMeester, Travis	TE	6'3"	233	Jr.	Ludington, MI
73	Denay, Joe	G	6'7"	298	Jr.	Bay City, MI
43	Diggs, Carl	ILB	6'1"	245	So.	Warren, OH
24	Drake, Charles	FS	6'1"	197	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA
89	Debut, Deitan	TE	6'4"	249	Jr.	Fabreville, Quebec
38	Dudley, Kevin	FB	6'0"	208	Fr.	Brookville, IN
85	Ecker, Tyler	TE	6'6"	243	Fr.	El Dorado Hills, CA
25	Epstein, Hayden	K/P	6'2"	205	Sr.	Cardiff, CA
88	Finley, Adam	P/K	6'3"	226	Fr.	Greenwood, IN
86	Fisher, Jim	TE	6'5"	225	Fr.	Huron, OH
17	Foot, Larry	ILB	6'1"	228	Sr.	Detroit, MI
99	Frysinger, Jake	DT	6'4"	277	Sr.	Grosse Ile, MI
64	Gaston, Jeff	T	6'5"	262	Fr.	Ridgewood, NJ
82	Ghannam, Joe	P	6'0"	184	So.	Farmington, MI
18	Gonzales, Jermaine	QB	6'2"	201	Fr.	Pontiac, MI
78	Goodwin, Jonathan	C	6'4"	294	Sr.	Columbia, SC
90	Heuer, Norman	NT	6'5"	278	So.	Peoria, AZ
6	Hobson, Victor	OLB	6'1"	242	Jr.	Mt. Laurel, NJ
3	Howard, Todd	CB	5'10"	183	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
83	Joppru, Bennie	TE	6'4"	258	Jr.	Wayzata, MN
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95	Kashama, Alain	DE	6'4"	236	So.	Montreal, PQ
37	Kaufman, Zach	LB	6'1"	222	So.	Claremont, CA
22	Kesler, Ross	WR	6'2"	178	Fr.	Warsaw, IN
62	Killian, Brodie	OLB	6'3"	230	Sr.	Dearborn, MI
36	Lafer, Brian	WR	5'11"	176	Fr.	Farmington Hills, MI
97	Lazarus, Shawn	DT	6'3"	278	Jr.	Canal Fulton, OH
21	LeSueur, Jeremy	CB	6'0"	191	So.	Holly Springs, MS
52	Mann, Ross	LS	6'1"	230	Fr.	Pikeville, KY
20	Manning, Michael	CB	6'2"	208	Sr.	Worcester, MA
58	Manning, Roy	LB	6'2"	213	Fr.	Saginaw, MI
72	Mast, Ben	G	6'4"	298	Sr.	Massillon, OH
14	Mignery, Andy	QB	6'3"	234	So.	Hamilton, OH
70	Miller, Jeremy	LS	6'0"	225	Sr.	Swanton, OH
62	Morgan, Courtney	T	6'2"	299	So.	Los Angeles, CA
49	Moundros, Kirk	FB	6'2"	237	Jr.	Framington Hills, MI
38	Nasif, Blake	DB	6'0"	189	Jr.	Lansing, MI
16	Navarre, John	QB	6'6"	242	So.	Cudahy, WI
6	Nienberg, Troy	H/K	6'2"	170	Fr.	Ottawa, OH
53	Orr, Shantee	DE	6'1"	246	So.	Detroit, MI
77	Pape, Tony	T	6'6"	299	So.	Clarendon Hills, IL
57	Pearson, Dave	DL	6'2"	274	So.	Brighton, MI
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55	Read, Jeremy	LB	6'1"	228	Fr.	San Diego, CA
37	Rich, Jeff	FB	5'11"	230	So.	Youngstown, OH
29	Richards, Aaron	WR	5'8"	176	Sr.	Reading, MI
88	Rose, Gary	DL	6'4"	285	Sr.	Quinnesec, MI
40	Rosel, Eric	TE	6'3"	240	Sr.	Liberal, KS
92	Rumishek, Dan	DE	6'3"	277	Jr.	Addison, IL
81	Seymour, Bill	TE	6'3"	252	Sr.	Granger, IN
50	Sgroi, Joe	LB	5'11"	216	Jr.	Plymouth, MI
22	Shaw, Jon	S	5'11"	197	So.	Coral Springs, FL
82	Smith, Rudy	WR	6'3"	217	Sr.	Knoxville, TN
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4	Walker, Marquise	WR	6'3"	212	Sr.	Syracuse, NY
32	Wells, Kolby	LB	6'2"	247	Fr.	Summer Field, FL
12	Williams, Brandon	CB	5'11"	180	Jr.	Omaha, NE
49	Williams, Michael	LB	6'0"	230	Fr.	Flint, MI
68	Wood, John	DL	6'4"	273	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
33	Young III, Charles	WR	5'10"	186	Fr.	Flint, MI

2001 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Kelly Baraka **RB** **6'0"** **180** **Portage, MI**
Has run a 4.2 in the 40. Benches 300 pounds. Rushed 169 times for 1,624 yds. and 26 TDs in 2000.

Spencer Brinton **QB** **6'5"** **220** **Hemet, CA**
Transfer from San Diego State. Started seven games for the Aztecs.

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Runs a 4.4 in the 40. Attended Valley Forge Prep (Pa.) School. Brother, Julius, is a Michigan DB.

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Caught 10 passes for 167 yds. and three TDs in 2000. Rated the No. 21 TE nationwide by *Rivals.com*.

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Never allowed a sack and recorded 300 pancake blocks in high school. *Detroit News* Dream Team pick.

Marlin Jackson **DB** **6'1"** **180** **Sharon, PA**
Had seven INTs and caught 28 passes as a senior. Ranked the nation's No. 4 DB by *SuperPrep*.

Matt Lentz **OL** **6'6"** **305** **Ortonville, MI**
Had 10 sacks as a senior. Ranked the No. 3 player in the state by the *Detroit Free Press*.

Tim Massaquoi **WR** **6'4"** **215** **Breinsville, PA**
Had 50 rec. for 675 yds. and nine TDs last fall. Listed as the No. 3 jumbo athlete in the nation by *SuperPrep*.

Patrick Massey **DL** **6'8"** **235** **Brecksville, OH**
USA Today second-team All-America. Chosen as the No. 8 player on the *Detroit Free Press* Best of the Midwest.

Scott McClintock **LB** **6'3"** **225** **Belle Vernon, PA**
Recorded 172 tackles and nine sacks in 2000. Listed the nation's No. 14 linebacker by Tom Lemming.

Alex Ofili **DL** **6'4"** **230** **Ypsilanti, MI**
Had 53 tackles and five sacks last season. Ranked the state's No. 9 player by the *Detroit Free Press*.

Lawrence Reid **LB** **6'1"** **215** **Pickerington, OH**
Recorded 148 total tackles last year. Ranked the No. 42 linebacker in the nation by *Rivals.com*.

Sean Sanderson **FB** **6'3"** **270** **Knoxville, TN**
Runs a 4.54 in the 40. Had 1,100 rushing yds. and 12 TDs last year. Nation's third-best FB by *SuperPrep*.

Joe Sarantos **LB** **6'3"** **215** **Portage, MI**
SuperPrep ranked him the No. 54 player in the Midwest. Totaled 97 tackles and four sacks in 2000.

Ernest Shazor **DB** **6'4"** **210** **Detroit, MI**
Runs a 4.4 in the 40. As a senior, had 97 tackles and recorded eight INTs. *USA Today* first-team All-America.

Dan Simells **OL** **6'6"** **295** **Coraopolis, PA**
Ranked the nation's No. 22 offensive lineman by Tom Lemming. Runs a 5.2 in the 40.

David Spytek **DL** **6'7"** **242** **Pewaukee, WI**
Recorded 68 tackles and four forced fumbles last season. Rated nation's No. 16 DE by *Rivals.com*.

Adam Stenavich **OL** **6'5"** **260** **Marshfield, WI**
Had seven sacks last year. Ranked nation's No. 16 offensive lineman by *SuperPrep*.

Jacob Stewart **DB** **5'11"** **196** **Ypsilanti, MI**
Tallied 63 tackles and three INTs as a senior. State's No. 7 player by *Detroit Free Press*.

David Underwood **RB** **6'0"** **220** **Madisonville, TX**
Rated as the No. 18 RB nationally by *Rivals.com*. Rushed for 1,548 yds. and 23 TDs last year.

Pierre Woods **DL** **6'6"** **225** **Cleveland, OH**
Had 30 sacks last season. Listed as the nation's No. 6 defensive lineman by *SuperPrep*.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

WR 4	Marquise Walker (Sr., 3)	31	Zia Combs (Fr., 0)
LT 77	Tony Pape (Sr., 1)	64	Jeff Gaston (Fr., 0)
LG 72	Ben Mast (Sr., 2)	75	David Baas (Fr., 0)
C 78	Jonathan Goodwin (Sr., 2)	71	Kurt Anderson (Sr., 1)
RG 73	Joe Denay (Jr., 1)	76	Dave Petruziello (Jr., 2)
RT 74	Demetrius Solomon (So., 1)	62	Courtney Morgan (So., 0)
TE 84	Shawn Thompson (Sr., 3)	81	Bill Seymour (Sr., 3)
WR 19	Ronald Bellamy (Jr., 2)	27	Calvin Bell (So., 1)
QB 16	John Navarre (So. 1)	18	Jermaine Gonzales (Fr., 0)
FB 35	B.J. Askew (Jr. 2)	44	Dave Armstrong (Jr., 1)
TB 23	Chris Perry (So. 1)	8	Walter Cross (Sr. 3)

Defense (8)

E 92	Dan Rumishek (Jr. 2)	95	Alain Kashama (So., 1)
NT 60	Grant Bowman (So., 1)	90	Norman Heuer (So., 1)
T 99	Jake Frysinger (Sr., 4)	97	Shawn Lazarus (Jr. 2)
RE 13	Larry Stevens (So., 1)	39	Evan Coleman (Sr. 3)
OLB 6	Victor Hobson (Jr. 2)	91	Emmanuel Casseus (So., 1)
ILB 51	Eric Brackins (Sr. 3)	43	Carl Diggs (So. 1)
LC 3	Larry Foote (Sr. 3)	28	Anthony Jordan (Sr. 3)
RC 21	Todd Howard (Sr. 3)	30	Markus Curry (Fr., 0)
SS 26	Jeremy LeSueur (So. 1)	12	Brandon Williams (Jr. 2)
FS 24	Julius Curry (Jr. 2)		Ernest Shazor (Fr., 0)
	Charles Drake (Jr. 2)	2	Cato June (Jr. 1)

Special Teams

K	25 Hayden Epstein (Sr., 3)
P	25 Hayden Epstein (Sr., 3)
KR	8 Walter Cross (Sr. 3)
PR	19 Ronald Bellamy (Jr., 2)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: John Navarre, 40-77-583-1, 8 TDs
Rushing: Chris Perry, 77 car., 417 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Marquise Walker, 49 rec., 699 yds., 4 TDs
Scoring: Hayden Epstein, 8 FGs, 28 XPs, 50 points
Punting: Hayden Epstein, 55 punts, 40.4 avg.
Kicking: Hayden Epstein, 8-14 FGs, 26-28 XPs
Tackles: Larry Foote, 84, 54 solo
Tackles for loss: Victor Hobson, 12 for 31 yds.
Sacks: Victor Hobson, 3
Interceptions: Todd Howard, 6 for 1 yd.
Kickoff returns: Walter Cross, 14 ret., 18.6 avg.
Punt returns: Ronald Bellamy, 27 ret., 11.0 avg.

2000 Results

S. 2	Bowling Green	W	42-7
S. 9	Rice	W	38-7
S.16	at UCLA	L	20-23
S.23	at Illinois	W	35-31
S.30	Wisconsin	W	13-10
O. 7	at Purdue	L	31-32
O.14	Indiana	W	58-0
O.21	Michigan State	W	14-0
N. 4	at Northwestern	L	51-54
N.11	Penn State	W	33-11
N.18	at Ohio State	W	38-26
J. 1	Auburn#	W	31-28
#Citrus Bowl			

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Expecting vast improvements on the offensive side of the ball, Michigan State is not merely aiming to climb back into the bowl picture.

"I want to win championships," tailback T.J. Duckett says. "I want to help our football program get to the same level as our basketball program and our hockey program."

Despite Duckett's assertions, Michigan State does not seem capable of contending for its first Big Ten title since 1990. However, the Spartans have the potential to be one of the surprise teams in the conference. With excellent talent at the offensive skill positions, the Spartans can make a run at a New Year's Day appearance if they get solid play from the offensive line and a defensive performance similar to last year's.

Head coach Bobby Williams closed the doors to spring practice and implemented principles of the spread offense. The Spartans will be more exciting this year, and back on the plus side of .500.

quarterbacks



The spring competition between Jeff Smoker and Ryan Van Dyke did not produce a clear-cut starter.

"They showed improvement in the spring in knowing where to go with the ball, and being quicker in doing it," says offensive coordinator Morris Watts. "That's a pretty important step."

Van Dyke improved his foot speed and adopted a dead-serious demeanor. He was slightly more productive than Smoker in the final two scrimmages of the spring, but is also more prone to err.



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Keys to a New Year's Day Bowl

One quarterback has to emerge as the ace and receive good protection from an unproven offensive line in order for the Spartans to return to a Jan. 1 bowl game. The Ivory McCoy project needs to boost the pass rush and there cannot be a big drop-off in the secondary.

Looking Ahead

S. 8	Central Michigan	W
S. 15	Missouri	W
S. 22	at Notre Dame	L
S. 29	at Northwestern	L
O. 13	Iowa	W
O. 20	at Minnesota	W
O. 27	at Wisconsin	*
N. 3	Michigan	L
N. 10	Indiana	W
N. 17	at Purdue	L
N. 24	Penn State	*

Key Players

QB	Jeff Smoker
TB	T.J. Duckett
WR	Charles Rogers
WR	Marcus Waters
TE	Chris Baker
C	Brian Ottney
G	Paul Harker
DT	Josh Shaw
LB	Josh Thornhill
LB	Ivory McCoy
CB	Cedric Henry

The Spartans miss Ohio State and Illinois in the Big Ten rotation, which is a plus. Michigan State should be 2-0 when traveling to Notre Dame in search of a fifth straight win over the Irish. Back-to-back October games at Minnesota and Wisconsin could determine the season's direction.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.

W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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Smoker, still the quicker of the two, gained the upper hand when he relieved Van Dyke and rallied the Spartans to a victory over Illinois last season. Smoker has received the bulk of the first-string repetitions ever since. Smoker is the better option quarterback, which Watts likes. Smoker has quarterbacked more victories and is expanding his knowledge of the system. But the veteran Van Dyke rallied during the spring and off-season. "That was the best spring Ryan has had since he has been here," Williams says.

running backs



Duckett, a rumbling power back with a deceptive burst, is one of the best ball carriers in America. He should have better vision and knowledge of the system in his second full year as a tailback. His health will be a key to the season.

"He's a great player who gained a lot of yards while not being very healthy last year," Williams says. "I think people are going to have to respect our ability to throw the ball down the field a little bit more this year, and that should reduce the number of eight- and nine-man fronts that T.J. sees."

Little John Flowers has had productive spurts as a back-up. Tyrell Dortch battled ankle injuries as a highly-touted freshman but could make an impact. Dawan Moss is one of the more serviceable triple-threat fullbacks in the conference.

receivers

Michigan State's biggest improvement is at the wide receiver positions. Charles Rogers, a consensus prep All-

Ric Fogel





Jeff Smoker

American two years ago, is the Spartans' most talented pass catcher since Plaxico Burress. Rogers sat out last year as a partial qualifier. Marcus Waters shook off a year of ineligibility and emerged as a talented threat late last year, highlighted by a five-reception, 98-yard game against Purdue.

"Marcus Waters is playing like a much more experienced wide receiver," Williams says. "B.J. Lovett joined the group from junior college and he definitely has a lot of big-play ability."

30 The number of players in Michigan State's two-deep who were on the roster during the 1999 season, when the Spartans went 10-2 and finished in the Top 10.

Herb Haygood ranked second in receptions last year, but never emerged as a go-to wideout. He will be more comfortable this year while returning to the slot position, although he may see fewer balls.

Chris Baker has excellent hands and blocking ability at tight end. He can form mismatches on linebackers when shifted out at a receiver.

offensive linemen

The Spartans graduated four starters, but four of the new first-stringers have starting experience. The new linemen have more ath-

leticism than their predecessors, but less strength due to youth. This group figures to be outstanding next year, and the year after. If the line can gel a year ahead of time, 2001 will be memorable.

Center Brian Ottney is a future All-Big Ten candidate. Left guard Paul Harker started as a true freshman in 1998 but spent the past two years as a reserve. He is a solid run blocker but has been mediocre in pass protection. The coaches see right guard William Whitticker as a future star.

Left tackle Ulish Booker struggled as an emergency starter at the outset of last season. Right tackle Steve Stewart played extensively as a freshman in 2000 and is another star in the making.

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defensive linemen

Defensive line coach Brad Lawing says Josh Shaw is the best defensive tackle he has ever had. And this year Shaw will have more talent around him.

"Last year, that was the slowest defensive line I've ever coached," Lawing says. "This year, we've got some speed to put out there and that's what it is going to take to win."

Linebacker Ivory McCoy moves to defensive end in passing situations, giving the Spartans edge speed similar to what they had in the Julian Peterson days. Nick Myers is a solid end who can move to tackle in the nickel defense, as he did in '99.

linebackers

Defensive coaches think they have something now that McCoy has switched from tight end to strong-side linebacker. McCoy has good strength at the point of attack, and excellent quickness. Josh Thornhill, a great leader, might be the best middle linebacker in the Big Ten. The Spartans are questionable at weak-side linebacker.

RISING STAR

The tall, speedy **Charles Rogers** could have made a big difference as a down-field threat last year. He sat out as a partial qualifier, but practiced with the team. Spartan defensive backs and coaches say he was as good or better than any receiver they faced all year.

defensive backs

Cornerback Cedric Henry and strong safety Thomas Wright return to a secondary that led the Big Ten in pass defense last year and thwarted Drew Brees. Henry picked off five passes on the year and averaged 23.6 yards per return.

DeMario Suggs moves from the nickel back role to a starting corner. He plays with strength, but cannot replace Renaldo Hill, who entered the NFL Draft. Free safety Lorenzo Guess has been shaky as a backup. Now he is the starter.

special teams

Punter Craig Jarrett was first-team All-Big Ten as a sophomore, but averaged just 40.8 yards per attempt last year behind spotty protection. A return to prominence is likely for Jarrett as the Spartans have revamped their special teams.

Placekicker David Schaefer was reliable early in the year but shaky down the stretch. He should be okay.

Outside the Huddle

Back in business Once a highly touted prospect, then pushed aside by the new young gun, Ryan Van Dyke has seen his confidence soar since jumping back into the quarterback race in the spring.

On the spot Broderick Nelson is the top candidate to be the extra cornerback in the nickel defense. This season will be his first in the playing group. Michigan State needs him to play effective bump-and-run coverage in order to make the rest of the defense go.

Second Chance Coach Bobby Williams would prefer to go with one quarterback, but there is a strong chance the second stringer will see some time in the second quarter of games in September.

Transfer Junior college transfer B.J. Lovett showed graceful acceleration as a kickoff returner during the spring.

Red flag Williams made a personal crusade to stamp out penalties of poor discipline last spring. Personal fouls and false starts are atop his hate list.

Impressed No one has been more impressed with the improvement of the Spartan offense than Michigan State's defensive players. "I think we are ahead of where we were last year by leaps and bounds," says Josh Thornhill, "especially the offense." Josh Shaw agrees: "Our offense is going to be hard to stop. Just watch."

Sudden impact MSU coaches are expecting one or two new defensive linemen from the incoming recruiting class to have an immediate impact. Defensive tackle Matthias Askew and junior college defensive end Van Brown are the top candidates.

2001 Michigan State Roster

2000 Record: 5-6
Big Ten Record: 2-6

Head Coach
Bobby Williams

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
83	Baker, Chris	TE	6'3"	265	Sr.	Saline, MI
20	Barber, Charles	WR	6'0"	165	Fr.	Detroit, MI
6	Bojovic, Mark	K	5'11"	196	So.	Warren, MI
65	Booker, Ulish	T	6'7"	291	Jr.	West Haven, CT
55	Bradley, Jason	LB	6'0"	242	Fr.	Sarasota, FL
60	Brooks, Joe	G	6'3"	285	So.	Millwaukee, WI
54	Brown, Dominick	LB	6'3"	247	So.	Lansing, MI
27	Bryan, Duron	SS	6'0"	205	Sr.	Lexington Park, MD
29	Bryce, Richard	S	6'3"	199	Jr.	East Lansing, MI
31	Burns, Brian	FB	6'3"	236	Fr.	Independence, OH
26	Cofer, Jimel	S	6'1"	197	Jr.	Miami, FL
58	Cooper, James	LB	6'3"	211	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
87	Cummings, Paul	WR	6'0"	164	Fr.	Belding, MI
41	Daves, Matt	LB	6'1"	227	Sr.	Battle Creek, MI
98	Dieckman, Brian	TE	6'3"	238	Jr.	Macomb, MI
34	Dorch, Tyrell	TB	5'10"	194	So.	Hoboken, NJ
7	Dowdell, Damon	QB	6'1"	211	Fr.	Detroit, MI
8	Duckett, T.J.	TB	6'1"	252	Jr.	Kalamazoo, MI
59	Dukes, Clifford	DE	6'3"	239	Fr.	Lexington Park, MD
86	Easter, Eric	TE	6'4"	227	Jr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
39	Fairrow, Jeremy	FS	6'0"	200	Jr.	Evansville, IN
23	Flowers, Little John	TB	6'0"	227	Fr.	Kalamazoo, MI
22	Foster, Shawn	CB	5'11"	202	Sr.	Lansing, MI
35	Goebel, Mark	LB	6'2"	217	So.	Milford, MI
93	Gordon, Samalji	DE	6'6"	265	So.	Atlanta, GA
56	Grant, Tony	SN	6'2"	259	Sr.	Bay City, MI
5	Guess, Lorenzo	FS	6'1"	192	Sr.	Wayne, MI
57	Harker, Paul	G	6'3"	298	Jr.	Dayton, OH
25	Harmon, Jason	CB	5'11"	190	So.	Ironton, OH
56	Hayes, Matt	LB	6'2"	217	Jr.	Saginaw, MI
2	Haygood, Herb	WR	6'0"	191	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
37	Henry, Cedric	CB	5'10"	180	Sr.	Sarasota, FL
29	James, Tim	TB	5'8"	164	Jr.	Milan, MI
12	Jarrett, Craig	P	6'2"	212	Sr.	Martinsville, IN
82	Kavanaght, Ziehl	WR	5'11"	175	So.	Brossard, PQ
30	Kropf, Matt	LB	6'3"	242	Sr.	Traverse City, MI
63	Labinjo, Mike	DE	6'1"	259	So.	Toronto, ON
15	Lee, Derrick	DB	6'2"	203	Sr.	Flint, MI
44	Littlejohn, Bradshaw	FB	6'1"	248	So.	Gaffney, SC
6	Lovett, B.J.	WR	6'4"	200	Jr.	Belle Glades, FL
17	Maples, Roderick	CB	5'10"	170	Fr.	Detroit, MI

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
85	McCoy, Ivory	LB	6'4"	232	Sr.	Chicago, IL
40	McGregor, Luke	FB	5'11"	231	So.	Akeley, MN
24	McLaurin, Jeremiah	CB	5'11"	180	So.	Saginaw, MI
67	Monroe, DeMarco	C	6'4"	310	So.	Evansville, IN
41	Morrell, Aaron	FB	6'1"	204	Fr.	Detroit, MI
49	Moss, Dawan	FB	5'10"	260	Jr.	Detroit, MI
88	Mullinder, Luc	TE	6'4"	258	So.	Mississauga, ON
75	Myers, Nick	DE	6'2"	263	Sr.	Springfield, OH
21	Nelson, Broderick	CB	6'0"	170	Jr.	Dania, FL
73	Ottney, Brian	C	6'6"	308	So.	Troy, MI
61	Patrick, Joe	G	6'5"	304	So.	Ashley, MI
63	Petterson, Andrew	SN	6'0"	196	Fr.	Denver, CO
79	Poole, Sean	T	6'6"	290	Fr.	Flint, MI
97	Rasmussen, Kyle	DT	6'4"	265	So.	Hadley, MI
11	Ratliff, Stephen	QB	6'2"	175	So.	Patterson, CA
1	Rogers, Charles	WR	6'4"	207	So.	Saginaw, MI
23	Rolinski, Jeremy	P	5'10"	160	Jr.	Gaylord, MI
52	Roper, Dedrick	LB	6'2"	247	So.	Milpitas, CA
28	Sanom, Zach	TB	5'8"	192	Jr.	Berkley, MI
14	Schaefer, David	K	5'10"	197	Sr.	Birmingham, MI
18	Servis, Michael	K	6'1"	198	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
16	Sharkey, Bill	WR	6'1"	191	Fr.	Troy, MI
95	Shaw, Josh	DT	6'3"	281	Sr.	Fort Lauderdale, FL
92	Simmons, Lonnie	DT	6'3"	287	Fr.	Columbus, OH
9	Smoker, Jeff	QB	6'3"	203	So.	Manheim, PA
77	Stewart, Steve	T	6'5"	310	So.	Sandusky, OH
19	Suggs, DeMario	CB	5'11"	191	Sr.	Toledo, OH
94	Taplin, Greg	DE	6'5"	269	So.	Hollywood, FL
68	Tate, Joe	T	6'5"	275	So.	Southfield, MI
97	Thompson, Nick	TE	6'3"	223	Fr.	Houghton Lake, MI
50	Thornhill, Josh	LB	6'2"	234	Sr.	Lansing, MI
3	Van Dyke, Ryan	QB	6'5"	224	Sr.	Marshall, MI
13	Waters, Marcus	WR	6'4"	233	Jr.	Sarasota, FL
45	Wedlow, Monquiz	S	5'11"	198	So.	Saginaw, MI
98	Whitfield, Dwight	DT	6'2"	300	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
76	Whitticker, William	G	6'6"	303	Fr.	Marion, IN
43	Wright, Thomas	SS	6'1"	193	Jr.	Lake Wales, FL
96	Yeaster, Greg	DT	6'1"	264	Fr.	Montrose, MI

2001 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN
Aaron Alexander QB 6'5" 190 Richmond, VA
PrepStar All-America. Rated the No. 24 QB by Tom Lemming. Threw for 1,629 yds. and 19 TDs as a 16-year old senior. Also rushed for 600 yds. and nine TDs.

Matthias Askew DL 6'7" 290 Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Rated the nation's No. 20 defensive lineman by Rivals.com. Two-time all-state pick. Recorded 125 tackles as a senior.

Michael Bazemore LB 6'4" 228 Philadelphia, PA
Ranked the No. 16 linebacker in the nation by Tom Lemming. Registered 158 tackles in 2000.

Van Brown DE 6'5" 250 Altadena, CA
Earned first-team All-Mission Conference at Pasadena (CA) CC. Three years of eligibility left.

Robert Flagg FS 6'2" 205 Carol City, FL
The state's No. 89 player by the Orlando Sentinel. Had 115 tackles in 2000. Runs a 4.4 in the 40.

Damien Fortson CB 6'0" 185 Ravenna, OH
Two-time first-team All-Northeast Ohio selection. Had 41 tackles and two INTs in five games as a senior.

Julian Lovett WR 6'4" 200 Belle Glades, FL
SuperPrep JUCO All-America at SUNY-Morrisville. Had 29 rec. for 383 yds. and three TDs in 2000.

Mike McConnell RB 6'0" 205 Adairsville, GA
Rushed for 239 yds. on 34 carries and four TDs in six games as a juco freshman in 2000. Runs a 4.37 in the 40. Played at Northeastern Oklahoma A&M.

Brandon McKinney DT 6'3" 310 Dayton, OH
PrepStar All-America. Ranked among the Midwest's top 50 prospects by SuperPrep. Two-time all-state pick.

Seth Mitchell LB 6'3" 230 Brandywine, MD
PrepStar and SuperPrep All-America. Rated as the No. 20 linebacker in the nation by SuperPrep. Maryland Defensive POY. Had 146 tackles in 2000.

Christopher Morris OL 6'4" 285 Lambertville, MI
Rated among the top players in the state by the Detroit News (No. 11) and Detroit Free Press (No. 17).

Gordon Niebyski T 6'4" 295 Farmington, MI
SuperPrep's No. 82 player in the Midwest. Didn't allow a sack during the 2000 season. All-state pick.

Jason Randall TE 6'6" 240 Muskegon Hgts, MI
Rivals.com No. 55 tight end in the nation. Caught 24 passes for 270 yds. and four TDs as a senior.

Dave Rayner K/P 6'3" 200 Oxford, MI
Named to Detroit Free Press Dream Team. Set a school single-season record with 35 PATs in 2000.

Eric Smith DB 6'1" 195 Groveport, OH
Second-team all-state. Made 55 tackles and seven INTs in 2000. Runs a 4.6 in the 40.

Ronald Stanley LB 6'2" 210 Saginaw, MI
PrepStar All-America. Recorded 113 tackles in 2000. Runs a 4.5 in the 40. First-team all-state.

Ben Steckler WR 6'5" 205 Huntingburg, IN
Rated the No. 99 player in the Midwest by SuperPrep. Had 40 rec. for 790 yds. and 10 TDs in 2000.

Robert Strickland WR 6'4" 205 Detroit, MI
Listed the nation's No. 90 player by Tom Lemming. Ranked the state's No. 3 player by the Detroit News.

Alphonso Townsend L 6'6" 310 Lima, OH
Started on both the offensive and defensive lines at Fork Union (VA) Military Academy. Had nine sacks last year. Committed to Ohio State out of high school.

Stefon Wheeler OL 6'5" 330 Passaic, NJ
Started at offensive tackle at Milford (CT) Academy. Runs a 5.2 in the 40. All-state out of the prep ranks.

Ryan Woods TE 6'5" 230 Florissant, MO
Rated among the nation's top 40 tight ends by Rivals.com. Caught 28 passes for 433 yds. in 2000.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE 13	Marcus Waters (Jr., 1)	6 BJ Lovett (Jr., 0)
LT 65	Ulish Booker (Jr., 1)	68 Joe Tate (So., 1)
LG 57	Paul Harker (Jr., 1)	61 Joe Patrick (So., 1)
C 73	Brian Ottny (So., 1)	67 DeMarco Monroe (So., 1)
RG 76	William Whitticker (Fr., 0)	60 Joe Brooks (So., 0)
RT 77	Steve Stewart (So., 1)	79 Sean Poole (Fr., 0)
TE 83	Chris Baker (Sr., 3)	88 Luc Mullinder (So., 0)
QB 9	Jeff Smoker (So., 1)	3 Ryan Van Dyke (Sr., 3)
FB 49	Dawan Moss (Jr., 2)	44 Bradshaw Littlejohn (So., 1)
RB 8	T.J. Duckett (Jr., 2)	23 Little John Flowers (Sr., 3)
FL 1	Charles Rogers (So., 0)	2 Herb Haygood (Sr., 3)

Defense (6)

LE 75	Nick Myers (Sr., 3)	59 Clifford Dukes (Fr., 0)
LT 97	Kyle Rasmussen (So., 1)	98 Dwight Whitfield (Fr., 0)
RT 95	Josh Shaw (Sr., 3)	92 Lonnie Simmons (Fr., 0)
RE 94	Greg Taplin (So., 1)	93 Samalji Gordon (So., 1)
SLB 85	Ivory McCoy (Sr., 2)	54 Dominick Brown (So., 0)
MLB 50	Josh Thornhill (Sr., 3)	55 Jason Bradley (Fr., 0)
WLB 35	Mark Goebel (So., 1)	58 James Cooper (Fr., 0)
LC 37	Cedric Henry (Sr., 3)	21 Broderick Nelson (Jr., 1)
LC 19	DeMario Suggs (Sr., 3)	22 Shawn Foster (Sr., 3)
SS 43	Thomas Wright (Jr., 2)	27 Duron Bryan (Sr., 2)
FS 5	Lorenzo Guess (Sr., 3)	39 Jeremy Fairrow (So., 1)

Special Teams

K 14	David Schaefer (Sr., 2)
P 12	Craig Jarrett (Sr., 3)
KR 2	Herb Haygood (Sr., 3)
PR 1	Charles Rogers (So., 0)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Jeff Smoker, 103-197-1,365-7, 6 TDs
Rushing: T.J. Duckett, 240 car., 1,353 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: Herb Haygood, 35 rec., 539 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: David Schaefer, 11 FGs, 18 XPs, 51 points
Punting: Craig Jarrett, 62 punts, 40.8 avg.
Kicking: David Schaefer, 11-17 FGs, 18-21 XPs
Tackles: Josh Thornhill, 114, 69 solo
Tackles for loss: Josh Thornhill, 8 for 22 yds.
Josh Shaw, 8 for 20 yds.
Sacks: 3 players with 2 sacks
Interceptions: Cedric Henry, 5 for 118 yds.
Kickoff returns: Herb Haygood, 15 ret., 23.1 avg.
Punt returns: Shawn Foster, 18 ret., 9.1 avg.

2000 Results

S. 9	Marshall	W	34-24
S.16	at Missouri	W	13-10
S.23	Notre Dame	W	27-21
S.30	Northwestern	L	17-37
O. 7	at Iowa	L	16-21
O.14	Wisconsin	L	10-17
O.21	at Michigan	L	0-14
O.28	Illinois	W	14-10
N. 4	at Ohio State	L	13-27
N.11	Purdue	W	30-10
N.18	at Penn State	L	23-42



HARD BODY, *Soft Heart*

By Jim Comparoni

In 2000, it was draining to be T.J. Duckett. Every day of his sophomore year was a physical, mental and emotional test.

Being a tailback for the first time, he had never taken such a beating. Losing six games, his pride had never been so damaged. After watching his mother succumb to cancer during his first year away from home, his heart felt as if it had been stabbed by a knife.

Duckett tries to be a model teammate, approachable classmate and attentive pupil, all the while yearning to be every bit the football player Michigan State fans expect.

Basically, he tries to be all things to all people. And if there is one man in college football capable of pulling it off, it's the hard-bodied, soft-hearted Duckett.

He rushed for 1,353 yards last season while receiving on-the-job training at tailback. Now, Duckett has a broader knowledge of the position. With better health and more savvy, he could establish himself as the best ballcarrier in the nation. But Duckett still is not impressed with himself. "When you leave the football field, and football is done for the day, you are in the real world," Duckett says. "No one cares that you are a football player. You have to go to class, you have to study. You need to be a regular guy."

A billboard-sized mural of Duckett is attached to the outer south wall of Spartan Stadium. It's hard to be a regular guy when there is a 20-foot picture of you on campus.

Some students say hello to him. Some stare. But if a conversation starts, his amiable side shows through right away. "When people talk to me for the first time, they may start out with a certain perception of me," Duckett says, "but they may leave with a completely different idea of what I'm like. I like that. If you met me that day, I don't want 'football player' to be the first thing you think of."

His soft voice, quick smile and slight lisp complement his personality. "If you talked to him on the phone but never met him in person," says friend Little John Flowers, "you would never know he is this big guy. He's real big and strong but he's just lovable."

"With this campus being so big, you meet new people every day and I really enjoy that," Duckett says.

But then comes the need for down time.

"Football is so fast-paced all the time; be here, be there," Duckett says. "There is so much stress. I like to go somewhere where people don't know who you are, where you don't have to talk about football. I go to a lot of places by myself. That's just a way for me to get away from all the chaos."

He goes to movies and the mall by himself. After two years with roommates, Duckett is living by himself this year. Nothing against roommates, he says. But there is something better about seclusion.

"I can go home, close the door, lock the door, I'm by myself," Duckett says. "I don't

have to have people in my ear all the time. I don't have to answer the door, answer the phone or anything."

He is a night person. He likes to organize his thoughts and unwind by himself. Every night. What does he think about? "Just everything," he says. "Or maybe nothing at all."

His greatest test

Duckett was a senior in high school when his mother, Jacquelyn, was diagnosed with lymphoma. His biggest fan and advisor, she accompanied him on many unofficial visits to East Lansing during the recruiting process. One decade earlier, she sent another son, Tico Duckett, to MSU, where he became the school's second all-time leading rusher.

She had a striking presence. With shoulder length hair and a modern, attractive look, she seemed 15 years younger than her actual age. For Duckett, the world without her was unimaginable. But then during March of Duckett's freshman year, she lost her battle with cancer at the age of 57.

"Last season was tough for me," Duckett says. "It was my first time playing running back exclusively and I had so much to learn. Our record, going 5-6, that wasn't fun. And you are getting so dinged up all year. And then losing her too — I had a lot going on. I learned a lot. I think I grew up a lot. Hopefully I will be able to use all that on the field or in life and just be a better person."

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Duckett found comfort and support in Tico, a successful businessman in East Lansing. "The things that we learned from her, it kept us going," Tico says. "She taught us right from wrong, and how to be gentlemen in all ways of life. When she was gone it was basically up to us to uphold those things."

Tico has been impressed with his brother's perseverance. "T.J. showed how strong he is," Tico says. "He is still hanging in there. I always tell him if he can get through these tough times, he can get through anything in life."

T.J.'s fellow Spartans offered support. They filled a bus and attended the funeral. "His teammates love him," Williams says



Duckett endured a season of hardship that included the loss of his mother.

"He means a lot to us," says defensive tackle Josh Shaw. "I just patted him on the back and told him, 'Keep your head up. She's watching. Now you've got an angel above.'"

Duckett appreciated it, but he kept most of his grief to himself. "I didn't really talk to anyone about it very much," he says. "I don't know if it is good or bad to keep it to yourself, but that's what I did. You might say I let out some frustrations subconsciously in certain areas. If I was in a game, sometimes all that frustration that I had, sometimes it would come out — maybe on third-and-two. And then after a game I would be tired and worn out and maybe I would think about it a little bit. But I tried not to sit and dwell on it."

"There is a time and a place for certain things and when you get on the field you have to focus on what your assignment is for that day."

During his time alone, however, T.J.

sometimes sheds a tear. "Every now and then I might do that," he says "Just sit back and reflect on memories I had with her and times we shared, and that might last 10 minutes."

"I might hear a song that reminds me of her," he says, "maybe a song that she used to like." T.J. tries not to let it happen too often. Every two or three weeks, he says. This is a year of trying to avoid pain.

A linebacker's mentality

By mid-September of last year, Duckett ranked among the top five rushers in the nation despite having a limited understanding of Michigan State's offense and blocking schemes. Duckett, a jumbo-sized nightmare of an option quarterback in high school, was recruited by most schools as a linebacker. He saw spot duty on both sides of the ball in the first half of his freshman season at Michigan State. He was so impressive as a short-yardage back that the Spartans expanded his ball-carrying role as the season progressed.

That winter, Williams decided that Duckett would spend the rest of his career at tailback. Following the Ron Dayne theory, Spartan coaches believed Duckett could have more of an impact on games as a power running back than at linebacker.

However, Duckett retained a linebacker mentality. "Tico always tells me that if a defender is coming at me, try to side-step him and go the other way," T.J. says. "But Tico was a scat back. I'm more likely to run at a defender if I see one."

Duckett's hellish style yielded an average of 163 yards rushing per game through a 3-0 start to his sophomore season. Duckett often took extra hits while trying to surge for additional yards on each carry. He soon developed severe soreness in his shoulder. Then his rib. Then his knee.

"Some games I was surprised by how bad I felt," Duckett says. "I was dinged up from head to toe mentally, physically."

"By the end of last year, I sat back and looked at the things that happened to me and I had to think of ways to prevent or avoid some of those injuries," Duckett says. "I figured I didn't work as hard as I needed to last off-season. So now I have to work that much harder to get my body in that much more shape to be able to take that kind of pounding every week."

Duckett says he thinks he can become a smarter runner. "I want to learn how to run and miss people, try

to run and find some way to gain yards without taking that many hits," he says. "I'm not going to change my running style. But Tico is right. If you've gotten all you can get, instead of trying to drag four people for one more yard at the 50-yard-line, maybe you should fall. I don't know for sure. It's something I'm thinking about. I'm not sure how I'll practice that."

Last year, the Spartans started a freshman quarterback for six games and had no down-field receiving threats. Duckett faced defenses stacked to stop him. That might not be the case this year. "We are looking forward to T.J. coming into the season healthy and having an improved receiving situation around him," Williams says, "which will take a lot of pressure off of him."

But Duckett continues to put pressure on himself. "I have to work on how to read holes and knowing the offense better," Duckett says. "I want to be a better third-down back, and start catching the ball out of the backfield."

Even with the improvements, he knows he won't be able to totally avoid physical pain. That's okay with him. "Physical pain, you can almost put it aside," Duckett says. "But you can only play a team once a year and if you lose, that pain sticks with you. The physical pain will heal. Memories of losing last forever."

He endured enough bad memories last year. This season, he hopes, will produce only good ones.

Duckett's bulldozer playing style stands in contrast to his gentle off-the-field demeanor.





Stop somebody. That's going to be the biggest responsibility for the Minnesota Golden Gophers.

If it happens, the Gophers have a chance to advance to a third consecutive bowl game for the first time in school history. If not? Well, it could get ugly in a hurry. "There are going to be a lotta, lotta, lotta new faces," says Minnesota coach Glen Mason, who has brought in a completely new defensive staff. "You're going to need a scorecard to tell who's who over there, including the coaches."

The defense can't be any worse than it was at the end of last season when Minnesota limped into the Micronpc.com Bowl. The Gophers' allowed an average of 39 points in the final five games of the season, including 51 in a damaging loss at Indiana.

One thing Minnesota does have is a solid offense coming back. Nine starters return, including wide receiver Ron Johnson and a pair of quarterbacks with starting experience, Travis Cole and Asad Abdul-Khaliq.

quarterbacks

Even though Cole started the final eight games last season and led the Gophers to their first victory at Ohio State in more than 50 years, Mason won't guarantee him the job. That's because Abdul-Khaliq, last season's starter coming out of fall camp, is still an impressive talent.

Cole is not a flashy quarterback. He has average speed, but isn't a burner. He throws a good ball, but doesn't overpower anyone with his skill. But he doesn't get his team beat, either.

"Travis is so cool-headed that maybe he's even dumb at times," Johnson says. "He's so dumb that he doesn't let what's going on bother him."



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Keys to a Winning Season

The offense, with nine starters returning, should be fine. The Gophers have talent and experience at quarterback, running back and wide receiver. But Minnesota must improve dramatically on defense. The Gophers' inability to stop the run late in the 2000 season cost them a shot at a New Year's Day bowl.

Looking Ahead

A. 31 at Toledo	L
S. 8 UL-Lafayette	W
S. 15 Baylor	W
S. 29 Purdue	L
O. 6 at Illinois	L
O. 13 at Northwestern	L
O. 20 Michigan State	L
N. 3 Ohio State	L
N. 10 at Michigan	L
N. 17 at Iowa	*
N. 24 Wisconsin	L

Key Players

QB	Travis Cole
QB	Asad Abdul-Khaliq
RB	Tellis Redmon
WR	Ron Johnson
DE	Greg White
LB	Astein Osei
CB	Mike Lehan
K	Dan Nystrom

The schedule gets a bit more difficult as Indiana and Penn State — a team the Gophers have beaten twice in a row — are replaced by Michigan and Michigan State. Starting the season strong is crucial. The Gophers, who lost to Ohio last season, can't afford another loss to a MAC school.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.

W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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At times last season, Abdul-Khaliq played like a freshman, and the Gopher coaches expect him to make better decisions. Still, they like his mobility, his versatility and his arm.

"Some people might say it's a quarterback controversy," Mason says. "But I like the competition. I think it brings out the best. But we might play both of them. We'll see."

running backs

Tellis Redmon enters the season as the clear No. 1 at tailback after rushing for 1,368 yards last season, the fourth-highest total in school history. The knock on Redmon in the past was his durability and toughness, but as a sophomore he played in all 12 games and didn't have a major injury.

Sophomore Thomas Tapeh is still as much of an unknown as he was entering last season. Injuries kept Tapeh from being much of a factor as he was limited in fall camp and then injured his foot in October. As was the case a year ago, Tapeh didn't go through spring practice because of injury.

"Our opinion on Thomas hasn't changed," Mason says. "We still think he's very talented."

Redshirt freshman Terry Jackson II could also get into the mix at tailback.

receivers

Johnson, a 2000 first-team All-Big Ten pick, filled out the paperwork to enter the NFL draft, but never sent the documents to the league office and opted to return to Minnesota for his senior season. He needs just 29 catches and 496 yards this fall to become the school's all-time leader in receptions and yards receiving. Last season, Johnson caught 61 balls for

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Tellis Redmon



defensive linemen

This is where things get interesting. With Karon Riley and John Schlect gone and Anderle on offense, senior defensive end Greg White is the only returning starter on the line.

White, a speed rusher from the outside, led all Gopher linemen with 69 tackles in 2000 and also recorded 15 tackles for a loss and six sacks.

Senior Drew Dehnicke should start at the other end while sophomore Dan Kwapinski and junior Dave Sykora will be the run-stoppers in the middle.

If the defensive line remains an issue, don't be shocked if Anderle — a solid run stopper, but not a guy who makes quarterback-quake — moves

back to defense before the end of the season.

linebackers

Senior Astein Osei started five of the final six games of the 1999 season before going down with an injury early in 2000. Osei, a drop linebacker, is going to have to lead an inexperienced group.

Jimmy Henry, the Gophers' nickel back last season, moves into the weak-side linebacker spot while sophomore Phil Archer is projected to start at the strong-side linebacker.

Renato Fitzpatrick, who began his career as a running back, was converted from safety to linebacker during spring practice.

"They're all new — that's the bad news," Mason says. "The good news is that we think they're all talented."

defensive backs

A year ago, cornerback Mike Lehan was the new guy in the secondary. Now he's the only returning starter after Willie Middlebrooks entered the NFL draft; Delvin Jones, the team's leading tackler, was dismissed from the team; and Clorenzo

RISING STAR

Dominique Sims might be the most important recruit Mason has landed at Minnesota. The free safety went to high school two miles from the Minnesota campus and was a *USA Today* first-team All-America selection. After redshirting last season, the 6'1" Sims is expected to be in the mix for a starting assignment this fall.

Griffin graduated.

"It's a unique situation," Mason says. "Either they're new or young or both."

Redshirt freshman Justin Fraley and sophomore Mackenzy Toussaint will battle for the starting assignment opposite Lehan. Fraley had the slight edge during spring drills.

The two safety positions will likely be up in the air until the opener. Eli Ward and former wide receiver Jack Brewer top the depth chart, but high school All-American Dominique Sims will get a long look.

"If I had to pick an area of the defense where I'm the most confident," Mason says, "it would be the backside."

specialists

This might be the area where the Gophers are the most comfortable. Junior punter Preston Gruening averaged a solid 44.4 yards per punt when he burst onto the scene a year ago.

Kicker Dan Nystrom, a second-team freshman All-America in 1999, struggled at times last fall as he hit just 25-of-37 field goals.

Outside the Huddle

Rare three-peat The Gophers will be looking to advance to a third-consecutive bowl game for the first time in school history. Actually the Gophers have enjoyed back-to-back bowl seasons only three times in school history (1960-61, '85-86, '99-00).

Keeping it going In his 14-years as a head coach, Mason has never had three-straight winning seasons and has had a difficult time sustaining success. At Kansas, Mason led the Jayhawks to 10 victories in 1995, but slipped back to just four wins the next year. The Gophers went 8-4 in 1999 and 6-6 in 2000.

Closed After repeatedly talking about how Minnesota was the only school in the Big Ten that opened practices to reporters and how the Gophers were at a competitive disadvantage because of it, Mason has closed nearly all of practice to the media.

A new home? The University has joined a partnership with the NFL's Minnesota Vikings to study the feasibility of a joint outdoor stadium on campus. Currently, the Gophers are the only Big Ten school without an on-campus facility.

Staying put After interviewing for the Ohio State position, but not getting the job, Mason has said that he is through interviewing for jobs. That's a relief to Minnesota fans who have watched Mason speak with LSU, Michigan State and the Buckeyes over the last two years.

Beware After losing to Ohio University at the Metrodome, the Gophers have an interesting opener at Toledo. A year ago, the Rockets went to Penn State and won.

Greg White

1,125 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Senior Antoine Henderson, who tore up his knee in last season's opener, returns on the other side as do seniors Elvin Jones and Jermaine Mays. Sophomore Tony Patterson, another of the Gophers' tall receivers, should also see action.

Sophomore Ben Utecht emerged as a pass-catching tight end and is expected to be a threat again.



The number of defensive coaches who return for the Gophers from last season. Between departures, dismissals and reassignments, Minnesota will have four new defensive coaches.

offensive linemen

Three starters and a top reserve return from last season, but the problem is that All-America center Ben Hamilton isn't one of them.

Tackle Jake Kuppe, a junior, and senior guard Derek Burns, who combined to start all 24 games last season, return on the left side, and senior Ryan Roth is back at right guard.

Massive Arthur Smith (6'8", 344), who saw significant action as a true freshman, is expected to take over at right tackle. Senior Akeem Akinwale is slated to start at center.

Former defensive tackle Matt Anderle has moved across the line to provide depth.

2001 Minnesota Roster

2000 Record: 6-6
Big Ten Record: 4-4
Head Coach: Glen Mason

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
8	Abdul-Khaliq, Asad	QB	6'0"	201	So.	Elizabeth, NJ	83	Matthews, Keith	WR	6'2"	195	So.	Akron, OH
51	Akinwale, Akeem	C	6'3"	274	Sr.	Coon Rapids, MN	15	Mays, Jermaine	WR	6'0"	191	Sr.	Miami, FL
20	Akinwale, Jubril	WR	6'1"	206	Fr.	Coon Rapids, MN	67	McElroy, Mark	G	6'5"	291	Fr.	Roseville, MN
77	Anderle, Matt	OL	6'6"	315	Sr.	Roseville, MN	76	McIntosh, Matt	T	6'8"	294	So.	Hartland, WI
31	Archer, Phil	DLB	6'2"	228	So.	St. Paul, MN	84	Melander, Rian	TE	6'6"	240	Fr.	Shoreview, MN
88	Baugus, Scooter	TE	6'6"	243	Jr.	Fort Worth, TX	16	Merrill, Andy	QB	6'3"	218	Fr.	De Forest, WI
39	Beckum, Jason	FB	6'0"	186	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI	34	Murray, Steve	SS	5'8"	180	Jr.	LaCrosse, WI
55	Belock, Dave	LB	6'2"	200	Sr.	Hinckley, OH	47	Nixon, Paul	LB	6'1"	205	So.	Columbus, OH
81	Braun, Dustin	WR	6'3"	224	Fr.	Osseo, MN	52	Norton, Jeff	G	6'5"	273	Jr.	Plymouth, MN
2	Brewer, Jack	WR/FS	6'1"	191	Sr.	Grapevine, TX	28	Nystrom, Dan	K	5'11"	205	Jr.	New Hope, MN
18	Burns, Antoine	WR	6'1"	192	Jr.	Milwaukee, WI	48	Osei, Astein	SLB	6'2"	238	Sr.	Bolingbrook, IL
68	Burns, Derek	G	6'5"	277	Sr.	Eden Prairie, MN	17	Patterson, Tony	WR	6'3"	200	So.	Belleville, IL
5	Cannaday, Damian	WR	5'11"	188	Jr.	Eldridge, IA	30	Pinson, Larry	FB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Eagan, MN
69	Carter, Jeremiah	T	6'7"	295	Jr.	St. Paul, MN	23	Poreba, Matt	DB	6'0"	198	Fr.	Brookfield, WI
7	Cole, Travis	QB	6'3"	205	Sr.	Lake Oswego, OR	57	Prudden, Peter	C	6'5"	242	So.	Wayzata, MN
90	Dehnicke, Drew	DE	6'3"	265	Sr.	Coon Rapids, MN	79	Quinn, Joseph	G	6'4"	288	So.	Downing, WI
25	Dozier, Ukee	CB	6'1"	181	Fr.	Bradenton, FL	85	Redmann, Chad	TE	6'3"	237	Fr.	Burnsville, MN
64	Domir, Ryan	DE	6'5"	273	Jr.	Mahtomedi, MN	32	Redmon, Tellis	RB	6'0"	192	Jr.	Grapevine, TX
46	Dupree, Tony	DE	6'2"	255	So.	Jersey City, NJ	43	Reid, Darrell	WLB	6'3"	246	Fr.	Farmingdale, NJ
33	Fitzpatrick, Renato	LB	6'0"	201	Jr.	St. Louis, MO	37	Richmond, Johnathan	DB	5'11"	181	Fr.	Greensboro, NC
12	Frale, Justin	CB	6'1"	196	Fr.	Cleveland, OH	66	Roth, Ryan	G	6'3"	302	Sr.	Kansas City, MO
59	Gitlewski, Dan	G	6'6"	296	So.	Oak Creek, WI	26	Saunders, Derrick	DB	5'10"	160	Jr.	Belle Glades, FL
65	Green, Jason	DE	6'2"	244	So.	Orange, NJ	5	Sims, Dominique	FS	6'1"	200	Fr.	Minneapolis, MN
14	Gruening, Preston	P	5'10"	204	Jr.	Schoefield, WI	73	Smith, Arthur	T	6'8"	344	So.	Columbus, OH
95	Harston, Brandon	DT	6'2"	311	Fr.	Fort Worth, TX	63	Soden, Steve	LS	6'1"	234	Fr.	Marion, MA
4	Henderson, Antoine	WR	5'8"	162	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	41	Stenzel, Eric	DE	6'4"	253	So.	Mankato, MN
6	Henry, Jimmy	WLB	6'0"	189	Sr.	Detroit, MI	96	Sykora, Dave	DT	6'3"	288	Jr.	Bloomington, MN
33	Isom, Justin	DB	5'8"	175	Fr.	Huber Heights, OH	44	Tapeh, Thomas	RB	6'1"	231	So.	St. Paul, MN
23	Jackson, Terry II	RB	5'11"	185	Fr.	Saginaw, MI	35	Toussaint, Mackenzy	CB	5'11"	185	So.	Miami, FL
36	Johnson, Demetris	RB	5'9"	173	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI	82	Utecht, Ben	TE	6'6"	244	So.	Hastings, MN
3	Johnson, Ron	WR	6'3"	216	Sr.	Detroit, MI	81	Vevea, Zach	DE	6'4"	263	Sr.	Elk River, MN
80	Jones, Elvin	WR	6'3"	214	Sr.	Southfield, MI	47	Waldron, Justin	LB	6'1"	223	Fr.	Pewaukee, WI
19	Kamrath, Benji	QB	6'3"	204	So.	Mayville, WI	27	Ward, Eli	SS	6'0"	195	So.	Akron, OH
2	Kartak, Zack	CB	5'9"	177	So.	North Branch, MN	61	Ward, Timothy	DT	6'2"	291	Fr.	Milwaukee, WI
62	Kirkland, Morgan	G	6'2"	277	So.	North Branch, MN	56	Watson, Steven	LB	6'3"	218	Fr.	Defiance, MO
43	Klosterman, Nate	LB	6'2"	194	Fr.	Waukegan, WI	13	Weber, Joe	P	6'0"	191	So.	LaVista, NE
75	Kuppe, Jake	T	6'7"	338	Jr.	Minnetonka, MN	59	West, Ben	LB	6'2"	259	So.	Appleton, WI
87	Kwapinski, Dan	DE	6'5"	278	So.	Fort Ransom, ND	50	White, Greg	DE	6'2"	265	Sr.	Newark, NJ
40	Lee, Eric	FS	5'11"	183	Jr.	Menomonie, WI	60	Williams, Robert	T	6'3"	288	Jr.	Brooklyn Park, MN
39	Lehan, Mike	CB	6'0"	187	Jr.	Hopkins, MN	32	Wojciechowski, Mike	DB	5'8"	178	So.	Oak Creek, WI
52	Logan, Sam	LB	6'2"	220	Fr.	St. Paul, MN	16	Woods, Clarence	WR	5'11"	179	Sr.	St. Paul, MN
49	Macken, Jerry	FB	6'0"	237	Jr.	Rochester, MN	78	Wymer, Rickey	T	6'8"	316	Fr.	Westerville, OH

2001 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Marlon Barber III **RB** **5'11"** **195** **Plymouth, MN**
Rushed for 1,778 yds. and 18 TDs in 2000. Son of former NFL and Golden Gopher RB Marlon Barber Jr..

Jerry Barnes Jr. **DL** **6'6"** **230** **Detroit, MI**
Second team all-city selection. Had 20 sacks and 26 tackles for a loss in 10 games as a senior.

Matthew Bass III **DB** **6'0"** **170** **Miramar, FL**
First-team All-Broward County selection. Second-team all-state selection in Division 5A.

Terrance Campbell **LB** **6'2"** **185** **Atlanta, GA**
First-team All-Atlanta pick. Tallied 60 solo tackles as a senior. Also had eight sacks and five INTs.

Diamos Demeritt **RB** **5'11"** **197** **Miami, FL**
Rushed for 1,167 yds. with 11 TDs in seven games last year. Had a 98-yard TD run.

Jared Ellerson **WR** **6'2"** **181** **Copley, OH**
Tallied 120 rec. in two years with 22 TDs. Had 23 punt returns for a 12.7 yds. avg. with one TD.

Richard Elman **OL** **6'5"** **275** **Oconto, WI**
Offensive and Defensive Lineman of the Year in his conference in 2000. First-team all-state.

Brandon Hall **OL** **6'5"** **270** **Detroit, MI**
Tallied 60 tackles with 12 sacks and 15 tackles for a loss as a senior.

Damian Haye **DL** **6'2"** **245** **Miami, FL**
All-state pick. First-team All-Dade County selection. Ranked No. 48 player in state by Florida Prep Football.

Charlton Keith **LB** **6'5"** **220** **Akron, OH**
Ohio Division II Player of the Year. All-state pick. Tallied 71 tackles and 10 sacks with two INTs. Threw for 1,307 yds. with 11 TDs at QB.

Rob Kraemer **OL** **6'4"** **285** **White Bear Lk, MN**
All-state pick. Had 50 tackles and 12 sacks on defensive side of the ball. Runs a 4.9 in the 40.

Keith Lipka **DL** **6'4"** **265** **Oak Creek, WI**
Two-time all-state selection. Tallied 72 tackles, 21 for a loss, as a senior. SuperPrep's 37th best prospect in the Midwest. Played on both sides of the ball.

Mark Losli **DL** **6'7"** **240** **Spring Lk Pk, MN**
PrepStar All-Midwest selection on the defensive line. Runs a 4.7 in the 40. Tallied 87 tackles in 2000.

Kason Love **DL** **6'2"** **260** **Perris, CA**
Top 100 selection by JC Gridwire at Chaffey (CA) JC. Had eight sacks and forced three fumbles in 2000.

Trevor McCulloch **OL** **6'4"** **300** **Brainerd, MN**
First-team all-state last year. Four-year letterwinner in football. Qualified for state wrestling meet in 2000.

Mike Nicholson **OL** **6'5"** **285** **River Falls, WI**
Had 51 tackles and four sacks on defense. Named All-Northwest Wisconsin. Second-team all-state.

Jarod Posthumus **QB** **6'4"** **215** **St. Cloud, MN**
Threw for 5,844 yds. during his career. All-state in 2000. Completed 60 percent of his passes as a prep.

Dee Saunders **DB** **5'10"** **170** **Belle Glades, FL**
A SuperPrep Top 100 JUCO selection. Had three INTs and 36 tackles at SUNY College-Morrisville.

Danny Upchurch **DB** **5'9"** **170** **Columbus, OH**
Ranked the sixth-best DB in the Midwest by PrepStar. All-state selection. Averaged 21.5 yds. per return as a punt returner.

Bradley Vance **LB** **6'1"** **211** **Calumet City, IL**
Tallied 107 tackles as a senior. Second-team Campaign Gazette all-state pick.

Jakari Wallace **WR** **5'8"** **170** **Lauderdale Lakes, FL**
Honorable mention all-state. Runs a 4.4 in the 40. Rated the state's 89th best player by Florida Prep Football. Has a 33 inch vertical leap.

Ken Williams **DB** **6'1"** **175** **Oakwood Vill., OH**
Runs a 4.4 in the 40. Tallied 60 tackles and one INT in his two years as a DB. Ranked second in the nation in the 110-meter high hurdles.

Depth Chart

Offense (9)

WR	3	Ron Johnson (Sr., 3)	83	Keith Matthews (So., 1)
WR	80	Elvin Jones (Sr., 3)	15	Jermaine Mays (Sr., 2)
TE	82	Ben Utecht (So., 1)	84	Rian Melander (Fr., 0)
LT	75	Jake Kuppe (Jr., 2)	78	Ricky Wymer (Fr., 0)
LG	68	Derek Burns (Sr., 2)	59	Dan Gitlewski (So., 0)
C	51	Akeem Akinwale (Sr., 1)	67	Mark McElroy (Fr., 0)
RG	66	Ryan Roth (Sr., 3)	79	Joseph Quinn (So., 0)
RT	73	Arthur Smith (So., 1)	77	Matt Anderle (Sr., 3)
QB	7	Travis Cole (Sr., 1)	8	Asad Abdul-Khaliq (So., 1)
RB	32	Tellis Redmon (Jr., 2)	44	Thomas Tapeh (So., 1)
WR	4	Antoine Henderson (Sr., 3)	17	Tony Patterson (So., 1)

Defense (3)

DE	90	Drew Dehnicke (Sr., 0)	81	Zach Vevea (Sr., 3)
DT	87	Dan Kwapinski (So., 1)	61	Timothy Ward (Fr., 0)
DT	96	Dave Sykora (Jr., 1)	95	Brandon Harston (Fr., 0)
DE	50	Greg White (Sr., 2)	46	Tony Dupree (So., 0)
Will	6	Jimmy Henry (Sr., 3)	33	Renato Fitzpatrick (Jr., 2)
Sam	31	Phil Archer (So., 1)	43	Darrell Reid (Fr., 0)
Drop	48	Astein Osei (Sr., 2)	56	Steven Watson (Fr., 0)
CB	39	Mike Lehan (Jr., 2)	25	Ukee Dozier (Fr., 0)
SS	27	Eli Ward (So., 1)	5	Dominique Sims (Fr., 0)
FS	2	Jack Brewer (Sr., 2)	5	Dominique Sims (Fr., 0)
CB	12	Justin Fraley (Fr., 0)	35	Mackenzy Toussaint (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	28	Dan Nystrom (Jr., 2)
P	14	Preston Gruening (Jr., 2)
KR	4	Antoine Henderson (Sr., 3)
PR	32	Tellis Redmon (Jr., 2)

(#) Indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Travis Cole, 147-252-1982-5, 11 TDs
Rushing: Tellis Redmon, 293 car., 1,368 yds., 8 TDs
Receiving: Ron Johnson, 61 rec., 1,125 yds., 11 TDs
Scoring: Dan Nystrom 25 FGs, 34 XPs, 109 points
Punting: Preston Gruening, 50 punts, 44.4 avg.
Kicking: Dan Nystrom, 25-37 FGs, 34-36 XPs, 109 points
Tackles: Greg White, 69, 50 solo
Tackles for loss: Greg White, 15 for 56 yds.
Sacks: Greg White, 6
Interceptions: none
Kickoff returns: Jermaine Mays, 21 ret., 23.7 avg.
Punt returns: Tellis Redmon, 24 ret., 13.1 avg.

2000 Results

S. 2	UL-Monroe	W	47-10
S. 9	Ohio	L	17-23
S. 16	at Baylor	W	34-9
S. 23	at Purdue	L	24-38
S. 30	Illinois	W	44-10
O. 7	Penn State	W	25-16
O. 14	at Ohio State	W	29-17
O. 21	at Indiana	L	43-51
O. 28	Northwestern	L	35-41
N. 4	at Wisconsin	L	20-41
N. 18	Iowa	W	27-24
D. 28	NC State#	L	30-38

Micronpc.com Bowl



This Purple Magic thing is becoming a bit clichéd at Northwestern — and that is exactly what coach Randy Walker wants.

For the second time in six years, the Wildcats went from bad to brilliant. Northwestern won a share of the Big Ten title with one of the most prolific offenses in the nation and earned a trip to the Alamo Bowl. Now Walker wants to make seasons like that the norm at Northwestern. He wants to end the Wildcats' recent up-and-down ride from chumps to champions and turn the program into an annual contender.

"We're just looking for that kind of consistency that great players, great teams and great programs have," Walker says. "They don't do it two out of three, they do it every night, every week, every time out."

Northwestern will strive for the consistency Walker covets with 10 returning starters on offense, including All-America candidates at quarterback and running back.

quarterbacks

The key to whether the Wildcats can sustain their jaw-dropping offensive output rests on the quick feet and nimble mind of senior Zak Kustok. Defenses are sure to catch on to Northwestern's spread offense, but Walker is banking on returning starter Kustok to catch on to the defenses' strategies even quicker.

"We've made a few changes here and there, but we're not really worried about defenses catching up with us," Kustok says. "They're going to put a lot of time and effort into trying, but we just need to continue to improve as an offense. We're already so far ahead of where we were last year."

Kustok's ability to read defenses, scramble, and present a



Steve Woltmann

Zak Kustok

Post-Spring Analysis

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Keys to a Conference Title

Northwestern will once again feature one of the nation's most explosive offensive attacks. But the Wildcats might slip back to the middle of the Big Ten pack if their defense — which gave up 40 or more points five times a year ago — doesn't improve.

Looking Ahead

S. 7 at UNLV	W
S. 15 Navy	W
S. 22 at Duke	W
S. 29 Michigan St.	W
O. 6 at Ohio St.	L
O. 13 Minnesota	W
O. 20 Penn St.	W
O. 27 at Purdue	*
N. 3 at Indiana	W
N. 10 Iowa	W
N. 22 at Illinois	*

Key Players

QB	Zak Kustok
RB	Damien Anderson
WR	Sam Simmons
C	Austin King
G	Jeff Roehl
DT	Pete Chapman
LB	Napoleon Harris
CB	Raheem Covington

The opener at UNLV is dangerous. John Robinson's troops will be looking for a major conference win to earn some national respect. In league play, Northwestern catches a break with Big 10-favorite Michigan off the schedule. Wisconsin also rotates off the slate, while Ohio State and Penn State return.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.

W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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deep threat carried the Wildcats last season. It will be difficult for defenses to take away all three of those options.

Behind Kustok are two highly recruited quarterbacks in Matt Danielson and Tony Stauss. Both are more traditional drop-back passers and have been impressive in second-team drills.

running backs

If Kustok was the brains and arm of Northwestern's offense, Damien Anderson was the legs. With the defenses spread thin by the Wildcats' five-wide formations, Anderson sliced his way for a school-record 2,063 yards rushing and 23 touchdowns.

This spring, Anderson returned even faster and stronger. He is the nation's leading returning rusher and the leading returning Heisman Trophy vote-getter. After debating turning pro, Anderson decided to return to Evanston. He likely will be the lone back most of the time, and Walker, a former running back himself, is committed to getting Anderson the ball enough times for him to equal last year's numbers.

Fullbacks Vincent Cartaya and Gilles Lezi will be used sparingly.

receivers

This is the deepest position for Northwestern even though the Wildcats graduated two top players. Despite his lack of height, Sam Simmons has the speed and hands to be the Wildcats' go-to receiver. Simmons can double as a running back or even a quarterback on deception plays.

Notre Dame transfer Jovan Witherspoon has superb play-

Ric Fogel



Damien Anderson



Sam Simmons

making abilities and will compete for a starting spot. Jon Schweighardt, Kunle Patrick and Roger Jordan each had very good off-seasons and will be expected to improve on their decent numbers from last year.

99.9

The percentage of last year's 5,615 yards of total offense that Northwestern has returning this season.

offensive linemen

Much to Walker and Anderson's delight, Northwestern returns all five starters along the offensive line. Besides three-year starters Mike Souza and Leon Brockmeier, the Wildcats have a potential All-Big Ten guard in Jeff Roehl, two-year starter Austin King and a veteran senior in Lance Clelland. King, who will play center, and Roehl were both named honorable mention all-conference last year.

There is plenty of depth. Derek Martinez, Carl Matejka, Ikechuku Ndukwe and Matt Ulrich all could see significant playing time off the bench.

defensive linemen

As good as the offense was last year, the defense was that bad. The line was where it all started. Furthermore, only one starter, tackle Pete Chapman, returns up front.



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"We were 10th in the Big Ten so maybe it was good they left," Walker says. "It wasn't like we lost a bunch of guys off the best defense ever played here. Being honest, we need to get the same kind of confidence and trust on defense that we have on offense."

Besides Chapman, the only other lineman with much experience is tackle Salem Simon, who will start.

The Wildcats are lacking play-making ends and will have a tough time improving on their 24 sacks last season. Onaje Grimes, Ray Bogenrief, Pete Konopka and converted offensive lineman Ben Kennedy will compete for the end spots. Even prep All-American

Thomas Derricks, an incoming freshman, may get some playing time.

linebackers

Traditionally a strength at Northwestern, the lack of depth of this year's returning corps may give Walker trouble. The Wildcats have four linebackers who could start in the Big Ten, but Walker says he is committed to a 4-3 formation, meaning one will have to sit.

Three-year starters Napoleon Harris, Kevin Bentley and Billy Silva likely will get the nod, with junior Pat Durr coming off the bench. Harris has recorded more than 100 tackles each of the last two years and Silva topped 100 last season after making more than 80 the year before.

But like the defensive line, this unit needs to improve its execution if the Wildcats are going to be successful.

defensive backs

The secondary struggled last season and must find a way to get better after losing its best player, Harold Blackmon, to graduation.

Returning starters Raheem Covington at cornerback and

RISEING STAR

Despite playing just one year of high school football and redshirting last season, freshman cornerback **Marvin Ward** could be the Wildcats' answer in a secondary full of question marks. The Northwestern coaches say he has the athletic ability to be one of the Big Ten's top cover men in the near future.

Rashidi Wheeler at strong safety likely will team with cornerback Chasda Martin and safety Sean Wieber in the starting lineup.

But don't count out Marvin Brown, Brandon Evans or talented redshirt freshman Marvin Ward from snatching one of those starting spots. Other than Covington, the Wildcats have to determine early who will step up consistently or else the opposition will exploit the secondary.

specialists

Some of the most closely watched competitions this preseason will be at placekicker and punter. Florida transfer David Wasielewski could end up beating out Brian Huffman, who was a highly recruited kicker two years ago, and incumbent punter J.J. Standing, who has been a regular the last two years.

The more pressing concern is who will snap to them. The Wildcats had no long snapper going into the spring and will continue developing one this preseason. Simmons rounds out his impressive football résumé by returning kicks and punts.

Outside the Huddle

Running wild Damien Anderson set or tied 23 school records last year and needs just 65 yards to become Northwestern's all-time leading rusher. He also could become one of the Top 10 rushers ever in college football with 1,500 yards or more this season.

Eight isn't enough Asked how he keeps the players focused after last year's success, coach Randy Walker says: "You put on the Iowa film (a 27-17 loss). We set a number of Northwestern and Big Ten records, but great, great offenses do it 12 times. We did it eight. Those eight were pretty special and we're pleased with them. But there were four that I'd rather not look at the tape again. I'd like to see us put 12 great games together this year."

Watch my backs Walker has coached a running back to a 1,000-yard season 21 times in his career. He coached the top two rushers in Miami (Ohio) history and twice turned out two 1,000-yard rushers in the same season as an assistant at North Carolina.

Early losses Northwestern has not swept its non-conference games in 38 years, a streak extended by last year's loss to TCU. The Wildcats have not started 3-0 since 1962.

Heralded class Northwestern signed one of its best classes ever this February when 20 preps and two transfers committed to play. Quarterback Brett Basanez was considered the top player in the Chicago area; Jeff Backes was named Ohio's Mr. Football; and Thomas Derricks chose Northwestern over Alamo Bowl foe Nebraska.

2001 Northwestern Roster

2000 Record: 8-4
Big Ten Record: 6-2

Head Coach
Randy Walker

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
23	Adams, Jarvis	S	5'10"	208	Fr.	Tallahassee, FL
20	Anderson, Damien	RB	5'11"	202	Sr.	Wilmington, IL
58	Anderson, Matt	DT	6'3"	278	So.	Belvidere, IL
34	Ayeni, Louis	WR	5'11"	198	Jr.	Woodbury, MN
12	Barz, Bob	LB	6'2"	219	Jr.	Lisle, IL
54	Baskin, Don	OL	6'2"	285	Fr.	Naperville, IL
87	Bass, Frank	WR	6'1"	164	Fr.	Minneapolis, MN
2	Bentley, Kevin	LB	6'1"	230	Sr.	North Hills, CA
7	Bogenrief, Ray	DE	6'3"	245	So.	Cedarburg, WI
67	Brockmeier, Leon	OL	6'7"	301	Sr.	Tallahassee, FL
25	Brown, Marvin	SS	5'11"	201	Sr.	Pueblo, CO
5	Cartaya, Vincent	DE	6'3"	235	Jr.	Miami, FL
98	Chapman, Pete	DL	6'4"	288	Jr.	Aurora, CO
69	Clark, Colby	DL	6'2"	268	Fr.	Austin, TX
77	Clelland, Lance	OL	6'6"	319	Sr.	Reisterstown, MD
27	Covington, Raheem	DB	5'9"	181	Jr.	Pine Hill, NJ
57	Crohn, Scott	OL	6'0"	257	Fr.	Plymouth, MN
19	Danielson, Matt	QB	6'0"	222	So.	Rochester Hills, MI
50	Drucker, Lee	LB	5'10"	205	Fr.	Scarsdale, NY
3	Durr, Pat	LB	6'1"	225	Jr.	St. Charles, IL
21	Evans, Brandon	CB	5'11"	187	So.	Kennesaw, GA
15	Farman, David	TE	6'5"	248	Jr.	Austin, TX
76	Fay, Adam	OL	6'3"	317	Sr.	Bettendorf, IA
89	Fluegge, Tom	WR	6'1"	170	Fr.	Crystal Lake, IL
85	Foster, Ronnie	WR	6'1"	199	So.	Peoria Heights, IL
13	Griffin, Mike	QB	6'3"	215	Fr.	Lenexa, KS
59	Grimes, Onaje	DE	6'2"	239	Jr.	Shaker Heights, OH
8	Harris, Napoleon	LB	6'3"	237	Sr.	Dixmoor, IL
43	Herron, Noah	RB	5'11"	224	Fr.	Mattawan, MI
99	Huffman, Brian	K/P	6'1"	191	So.	Schaumburg, IL
4	Jordan, Roger	WR	6'3"	205	So.	League City, TX
78	Kennedy, Ben	DE	6'6"	269	So.	Naperville, IL
62	King, Austin	C	6'4"	280	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
93	Konopka, Pete	DE	6'4"	263	Sr.	Marengo, IL
10	Kustok, Zak	QB	6'1"	209	Sr.	Orland Park, IL
22	Lawrence, Kevin	RB	5'11"	199	Jr.	Montreal, PQ
53	Layfield, Joel	LS	6'1"	189	Fr.	Cedar Falls, IA
28	Lezi, Gilles	FB	6'0"	226	So.	Laval, PQ

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
33	Martin, Chasda	CB	5'11"	198	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
74	Martinez, Derek	OL	6'5"	282	So.	San Jose, CA
68	Matejka, Carl	OL	6'4"	302	So.	Houston, TX
66	Natali, Steve	OL	6'3"	258	Fr.	Park Ridge, IL
60	Ndukwe, Ikechuku	OL	6'6"	350	Fr.	Powell, OH
65	Newton, Bill	OL	6'7"	298	Fr.	Gary, IN
81	Parker, Steve	WR	6'5"	213	Jr.	Castro Valley, CA
80	Patrick, Kunle	WR	6'0"	203	So.	Brooklyn, NY
17	Patterson, Devin	CB	6'0"	166	So.	Germantown, TN
52	Peterson, Ryan	LB	6'2"	215	So.	Cardiff, CA
40	Pohlman, Dan	RB	6'1"	220	Fr.	Barrington, IL
88	Reinalda, Rolf	TE	6'5"	239	Fr.	Fair Haven, NJ
73	Roehl, Jeff	OL	6'4"	291	Jr.	Orland Park, IL
35	Roush, Mark	SS	6'1"	189	So.	Richmond, VA
6	Schweighardt, Jon	WR	5'11"	185	Jr.	Wheaton, IL
38	Shirley, Rob	FB	6'0"	234	Fr.	Bloomington, IN
44	Silva, Billy	LB	6'3"	244	Sr.	San Diego, CA
32	Simmons, Sam	WR	5'10"	197	Sr.	Kansas City, KS
94	Simon, Salem	DL	6'4"	265	Sr.	Cleveland, OH
56	Souza, Mike	OL	6'6"	296	Sr.	Kaneohe, HI
42	Standing, J.J.	P	6'1"	212	Sr.	Chicago, IL
11	Stauss, Tony	QB	6'0"	192	Fr.	Racine, WI
29	Stuckey, Torri	RB	5'11"	196	So.	Robbins, IL
49	Szymul, Doug	LB	6'0"	201	So.	Des Plaines, IL
48	Thomas, Syga	LB	6'0"	212	So.	Marina Del Rey, CA
64	Ulrich, Matt	OL	6'2"	306	Fr.	Streamwood, IL
31	Ward, Marvin	CB	5'11"	189	Fr.	Landover, MD
39	Wasielewski, David	K/P	5'10"	220	Jr.	Odessa, FL
30	Wheeler, Rashidi	SS	6'0"	217	Sr.	Ontario, CA
37	Wieber, Sean	FS	6'1"	209	Jr.	Sandusky, OH
9	Witherspoon, Jovan	WR	6'3"	210	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
55	Woods, George	DT	6'1"	278	So.	La Mirada, CA
84	Worley, Eric	TE	6'4"	252	So.	Marshfield, MA
16	Wright, Jason	RB	5'10"	201	So.	Diamond Bar, CA

2001 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN
Ashton Aikens RB 6'2" 190 Detroit, MI
All-state two years. Ran for 1,500 yds. and 27 TDs as a senior. Two-time team MVP.

Jeff Backes RB 5'10" 180 Columbus, OH
Ohio's Mr. Football in 2000. Division I POY. Rushed for a state-record 3,354 yds. and 44 TDs in 15 games.

Brett Basanez QB 6'1" 175 Arlington Hts., IL
USA Today Illinois POY. Ranked the 10th best quarterback in the country by Tom Lemming. Threw for 2,876 yds. and 39 TDs as a senior.

Sundi Brewer-Griffin RB 6'0" 180 St. Paul, MN
Rushed for 1,350 yds. and 12 TDs as a senior. *Minneapolis Star Tribune* All-Metro selection.

Luis Castillo DT 6'4" 265 Garfield, NJ
PrepStar Super 30 All-Eastern Region. All-state pick. Had 89 tackles and eight sacks as a senior.

Vince Clarke OT 6'5" 275 El Cajon, CA
Second-team all-conference. Recorded 88 pancakes during his senior year.

Thomas Derricks DT 6'1" 295 Garland, TX
Ranked the No. 7 defensive lineman in the country by *Rivals.com*. Had 251 tackles and 12 sacks over his career. *SuperPrep* All-America.

Trai Essex TE 6'4" 240 Ft. Wayne, IN
Ranked the fifth-best tight end in the country by Tom Lemming. Caught 83 balls for 1,416 yds. and 14 TDs during his prep career.

Jonathan Fields CB 5'8" 170 Sweeny, TX
Two-time all-district. Recorded 51 tackles and two INTs as a senior. Runs a 10.39 in the 100m.

Herschel Henderson DB 6'3" 190 Houston, TX
Lone Star Recruiting ranked him one of the Top 10 DBs in the state. Recorded four INTs in 2000.

Braden Jones LB 6'2" 220 Harrisburg, IL
All-state selection. Southern Illinois POY. Scored 21 TDs his senior year.

Taylor Jones LB 6'3" 230 Gladstone, MO
Named all-conference at three different positions. Recorded 94 tackles and 11.5 sacks as a senior.

Greg Lutzen DE 6'5" 250 Pewaukee, WI
Wisconsin Defensive POY in 2000. All-state pick. Tied 81 tackles and eight sacks last season.

John Pickens LB 6'2" 215 Franklin Lakes, NJ
Second-team all-state. Had 72 tackles and three sacks last year. *Super 100* All-New Jersey Team.

Dominique Price S 6'0" 205 Jeffersontown, KY
Honorable mention all-state. Had 64 tackles last season. First-team all-district on offense and defense.

Zach Strief OT 6'7" 305 Milford, OH
SuperPrep All-America. First-team all-state. Allowed no sacks as a senior and only one as a junior.

Frederic Tarver WR 6'2" 195 Palmyra, VA
Had 21 rec. for 373 yds. and nine TDs as a senior. Also rushed for 341 yds. on 33 carries.

David Thompson DE 6'3" 245 Rockledge, FL
SuperPrep All-Dixie Region. Named all-state. Recorded 87 solo tackles and seven sacks as a senior.

DeMaris Wilson DE 6'4" 245 Harvest, AL
Recorded 90 tackles and two INTs as a senior despite playing just six games due to injury.

Joe Wohlscheld TE 6'7" 245 Grand Ledge, MI
SuperPrep All-Midwest Region. Recorded 26 catches for 260 yds. and two TDs as a senior.

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Offense (10)

WR	32	Sam Simmons (Sr., 3)	80	Kunle Patrick (So., 1)
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RG	73	Jeff Roehl (Jr., 1)	76	Adam Fay (Sr., 2)
RT	56	Mike Souza (Sr., 3)	60	Ikechuku Ndukwe (Fr., 0)
QB	10	Zak Kustok (Sr., 2)	19	Matt Danielson (So., 1)
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WR	6	Jon Schweighardt (Jr., 2)	4	Roger Jordan (So., 1)

Defense (6)

DE	93	Pete Konopka (Sr., 3)	78	Ben Kennedy (So., 1)
DT	98	Pete Chapman (Jr., 2)	69	Colby Clark (Fr., 0)
DT	94	Salem Simon (Sr., 3)	58	Matt Anderson (So., 0)
DE	59	Onaje Grimes (Jr., 1)	7	Ray Bogenrief (So., 0)
LB	8	Napoleon Harris (Sr., 3)	48	Syga Thomas (So., 1)
LB	44	Billy Silva (Sr., 3)	52	Ryan Peterson (So., 1)
LB	2	Kevin Bentley (Sr., 3)	3	Pat Durr (Jr., 2)
SS	30	Rashidi Wheeler (Sr., 3)	25	Marvin Brown (Sr., 2)
FS	37	Sean Wieber (Jr., 1)	35	Mark Roush (So., 1)
CB	33	Chasda Martin (Jr., 1)	21	Brandon Evans (So., 1)
CB	27	Raheem Covington (Jr., 2)	31	Marvin Ward (Fr., 0)

Special Teams

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Receiving: Sam Simmons, 38 rec., 498 yds., 5 TDs

Scoring: Damien Anderson, 23 TDs, 138 points

Punting: J.J. Standing, 74 punts, 40.9 avg.

Kicking: Brian Huffman, 0-0 FGs, 2-2 XPs

Tackles: Billy Silva, 124, 67 solo

Tackles for loss: Napoleon Harris, 13 for 60 yds.

Sacks: Napoleon Harris, 3

Interceptions: Napoleon Harris, 2 for 50 yds.

Kickoff returns: Sam Simmons, 9 ret., 22.0 avg.

Punt returns: Sam Simmons, 13 ret., 13.2 avg.

2000 Results

A. 31	Northern Illinois	W	35-17
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S. 30	at Michigan State	W	37-17
O. 7	Indiana	W	52-33
O. 14	Purdue	L	28-41
O. 28	at Minnesota	W	41-35
N. 4	Michigan	W	54-41
N. 11	at Iowa	L	17-27
N. 18	Illinois	W	61-23
D. 30	Nebraska#	L	17-66

#Alamo Bowl

Purple Power

By Travis Miller

An incredible work ethic has made Damien Anderson the Big Ten's most feared back

On the eve of the 2001 football season, Northwestern senior running back Damien Anderson could burst at any second. Sweating through another workout in Northwestern's spacious weight room, Anderson's muscles appear close to exploding out from underneath his light brown skin stretched taut over bulging biceps and thick, stubby legs.

Physiology experts told Anderson last year he had reached the point where his 5'11" frame could not hold any more muscle, already heaped on his bones like saddlebags. Even then it appeared that one more bench press or squat could burst his muscles like water balloons, sending sinews flying into the air like shrapnel.

But Anderson continued working out daily through the off-season. He skipped spring break and sacrificed weekends to spend time in the weight room. And Anderson proved the experts wrong. He increased his bench press to 430 pounds, more than twice his weight. He increased his squats to 560 pounds, nearly three times his weight. And he lowered his 40-yard dash time to 4.41 seconds, a time comparable to those of NFL speedsters.

So now, just before starting the 2001 season as the Big Ten's top Heisman Trophy candidate and a future NFL Draft pick, Anderson appears to be a real-life incarnation of the miniature Muscle Man figurines. He could beat up Mr. T, arm wrestle Arnold Schwarzenegger or impersonate the Incredible Hulk, fighting evil with his brute strength. But this fall, instead of bursting into a vicious green monster, Anderson is ready to burst onto the national college football scene.

"People mention stuff about the Heisman and other individual awards, but I'm more team focused," says Anderson, a communications/business studies major. "Those are all great awards and that's definitely a goal of mine to win them.

But I also know that if our team is successful, good things will happen."

Those good things happened last fall when Northwestern wrote another magical comeback story. After finishing 3-8 in 1999, the Wildcats stormed back under second-year coach Randy Walker to go 8-4 overall and 6-2 in the Big Ten. The Wildcats won a share of their third conference championship in six years and played Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl, losing 66-17.

Leading the way in that turnaround was Anderson, who rushed for a school-record 1,914 yards on 293 carries. He is the leading returning Heisman vote-getter and the nation's leading returning rusher after finishing second to TCU's LaDainian Tomlinson last season. After the season ended, Anderson says he was "50-50" on whether to give up his final year of eligibility to enter the NFL Draft. But he chose to return to Northwestern to fulfill some of



Ric Fogel

his own lofty expectations and those of outside observers, who suddenly appeared on the scene last winter to see Anderson play.

"I feel really good," the soft-spoken Anderson says. "We have a good nucleus of players coming back, so I think we can have another successful season. We want to prove we belong at the top of the conference and that last year wasn't just a fluke."

Teammates say despite all of the attention, Anderson is still a country boy at heart. A native of Wilmington, Ill., (pop. 5,000), Anderson's easy-going attitude often seems out of place in the cushy Chicago suburb of Evanston. Anderson says he still enjoys driving the 70 miles home to go four-wheeling in the open fields or fish in the Kankakee River, which runs through his front yard.

"As much success as he's had, he hasn't let any of that go to his head," says best friend and Northwestern quarterback Zak Kustok, who first met Anderson on a recruiting trip during high school. "He's a real low-key guy, a good guy to sit around with and talk with. I've known him since high school and he hasn't changed one bit. That's one of the great things about him."

Anderson, the youngest of five children, grew up in a household consumed by football and physical fitness. His father, Boysen Anderson, competed as a body builder when Damien was young, and Boysen still says he can bench more than 300 pounds. Both of his older brothers played high school football and one went on to play at a small in-state college before tearing his ACL.

As a 14- and 15-year-old, Anderson quarterbacked his Pop Warner team to consecutive championships. Then he switched to running back and re-wrote the record books at Wilmington High, where he garnered a long list of prep honors. After visiting several big-time Midwest colleges, including Notre Dame, Anderson signed with the Wildcats in 1996 as part of the heralded post-Rose Bowl class recruited by former coach Gary Barnett.

Anderson redshirted his freshman season, a year he calls the toughest in his life. The next year, Anderson won the starting job and led Northwestern in rushing with a paltry 537 yards. The following winter, Barnett left for Colorado and Northwestern hired Walker, a former running back and a highly respected running backs coach. From the instant the new coach and the quiet running back first met, it was a perfect match in philosophies and practices.

"I have an affinity for the running backs," Walker says. "I like to think I know what they do. I've coached it a lot of years and I played it and my eyes kind of migrate to them. But I didn't have nearly the talent level

that he has. I was just a ham-and-egger."

Says Anderson: "I'm in a great position here because he has a lot of insight on the position. Coach Walker knows a lot of good running backs and he has coached them, so I value his opinion. He's also a straight shooter. If you do something great, he'll give you praise, but if you mess up, he'll let you know."

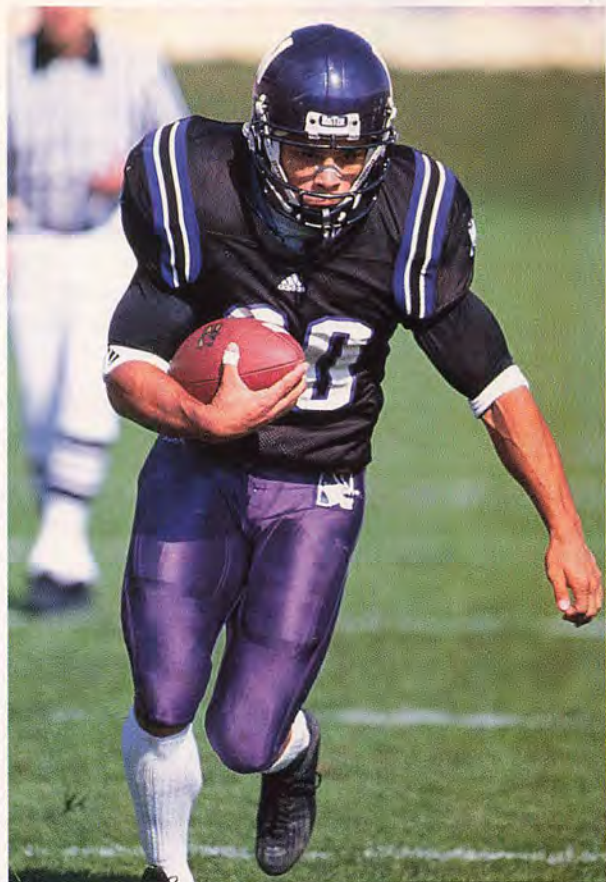
Anderson's muscled physique and hard-nosed running style embody both his and Walker's philosophy on football and life. Both have insatiable appetites for success and demand near-insane levels of commitment from themselves and others.

Northwestern strength coach Larry Lilja, who has worked with Northwestern NFL alumni such as Steve Tasker, Darnell Autry and Barry Gardner, says that work ethic has made Anderson, pound-for-pound, one of the strongest Wildcats ever.

"I wouldn't be surprised if he comes back this season and benches up to 450 and squats 600, he's that type of kid," Lilja says. "I call him the bionic man because you look at him and you would never think for a minute he's that strong."

To fulfill his dream of playing in the NFL, Anderson says he will have to continue to follow his "work hard and good things will happen" philosophy. If Anderson can duplicate his rushing totals from last season, he will finish his career among the Top 10 NCAA Division I-A career rushers and enter the draft with college credentials similar to those of Herschel Walker and Archie Griffin.

"I don't want to be one of those running backs who just disappears," Anderson says. "I want to be one of the Walter



Brian Etnier

Anderson set a Northwestern single-season record with 1,914 yards rushing in 2000.

Paytons or Barry Sanders. I know what they did to get to where they were and I want to do the same. They worked hard and I know that if I continue to work hard I can make it in the NFL."

The Incredible Hulk would be jealous.

Mere mortals would crack under Anderson's workout regimen.



Northwestern SID



The anticipation is almost killing Ohio State fans. They have had a feeling since mid-January that things are going to be different.

When Jim Tressel was named the 22nd head coach in the history of the proud program, he staged an introductory press conference that turned into the football equivalent of an evangelistic event. He touched emotional buttons that John Cooper never knew existed or couldn't reach. The horde was beside itself, exclaiming a near-unison "Finally."

For years, a large contingent had been calling for thumbs down on 13-year coach Cooper, despite his two near-misses with the national championship in 1996 and '98, and despite the fact that he'd risen to become the second-winningest coach in the school's history. Athletic director Andy Geiger had shown patience with Cooper, but as the 2000 season wound down, everything changed. A collapse against Michigan in the regular-season finale; a devastating, lopsided loss to upstart South Carolina in the Outback Bowl; the annual report on graduation rates that showed the Buckeyes to be near the bottom of the Big Ten; and several off-field problems finally got to Geiger. He pulled the trap door on Cooper less than 20 hours after the Outback loss.

Seventeen days later, after what he and other OSU officials had termed a nationwide search for a replacement, Geiger reached a mere 170 miles up the road to Youngstown State. There he had found Tressel. In 15 years at YSU, Tressel had taken the Penguins to six NCAA Division I-AA national championship games, winning four.

Tressel knows enough about the Ohio State fans' expressway to understand there is a toll booth dead ahead.

"Obviously, we've got to win," Tressel says.

It's not like he's moved into a rundown neighborhood of major college football, either. The Buckeyes went 8-4 last year and probably came within one play at Purdue of winning the Big Ten title and going to the Rose Bowl.



Brian Ebner
Matt Wilhelm

Post-Spring Analysis

2nd Big Ten

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Keys to a Big Ten Title

In a wide-open field, the Buckeyes have as legitimate a shot as anyone. The defense should be a disruptive, playmaking outfit, especially with the return of all three starting linebackers. But a run at the league title will depend on the play of a thin offensive line and the QB who will operate behind it, whoever that will be.

Looking Ahead

S. 8 Akron	W
S. 15 San Diego St.	W
S. 22 at UCLA	*
S. 29 at Indiana	W
O. 6 Northwestern	W
O. 13 Wisconsin	W
O. 27 at Penn State	W
N. 3 at Minnesota	W
N. 10 Purdue	W
N. 17 Illinois	W
N. 24 at Michigan	*

Key Players

QB	Steve Bellisari
FB	Jamar Martin
RB	Jonathan Wells
C	LeCharles Bentley
DT	Mike Collins
LB	Matt Wilhelm
LB	Joe Cooper
S	Mike Doss

The trip to UCLA three games into the season will give the Tressel era its first true national exposure. Northwestern, with the spread offense, which took the Wildcats to a share of the Big Ten title last year, will provide the first conference test. Last year, the Buckeyes played Michigan with a share of the title on the line, and it shouldn't be any different this year.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.

W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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quarterbacks

Quarterback is the position most OSU fans believe will make or break the Buckeyes in 2001. Tressel personally coaches the QBs, and in the spring he made it known the job was open, though the athletic two-year starter Steve Bellisari was still first in line both entering and leaving the 15 days of drills. Sophomore Scott McMullen made the biggest lunge toward Bellisari, though, impressing Tressel with his quick decisions, quick release and ability to scramble.

Sophomore Craig Krenzel and redshirt freshman Rick McFadden made long strides near the end of spring, and Tressel made it known that the job likely will still be up for grabs when preseason camp opens.

running backs

Offensive coordinator Jim Bollman is excited about the possibilities of fullback Jamar Martin. Bollman and the coaches worked to make the devastating blocker a running and pass-catching threat for use in one-back sets, and by the end of spring they liked what they saw.

What they'd like to see is Jonathan Wells assert himself as a physical, hard-running tailback who can carry the ball 25 times per game. He showed signs of that at the end of last season. He will be pushed by sophomore Sammy Maldonado.





Courtland Richards

LeCharles Bentley

receivers

The Buckeyes lose their top four wide receivers from a year ago, but no one seems to be crying about it. Drew Carter led the new contingent of pass grabbers in the spring, and JC transfer Chris Vance, along with Ricky Bryant and John Hollins, proved they can play.

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The Buckeyes' combined record against Michigan (2-10-1) and in bowl games (3-8) during the 13-year Cooper era.

But no one excited the fans watching the open practices as much as Bam Childress. The former Mr. Football of Ohio started the spring vying for a starting cornerback job, but Tressel thought his quickness might be better used as a tackle-eluding flanker. Childress proved the coach correct, and could be a player on the rise in the fall.

Bollman intends to use his tight ends as the wildcards in his attack, lining them up tight one play and split the next. Returning starter Darnell Sanders and Ben Hartsock both proved adept at doing both, and left the spring bracketed as co-starters.

offensive linemen

The Buckeyes haven't had a solid, people-moving offensive line since 1998. The return of three-year starter Tyson Walter at right

tackle after a year off, and the return of starting center LeCharles Bentley and left tackle Adrien Clarke provide a physical nucleus. Bollman installed Alex Stepanovich at left guard and Shane Olivea at right guard. Both were members of the 2000 recruiting class.

The problem is depth, though fifth-year player Jim Massey should help after returning from a year of academic ineligibility. Bollman will seek more from Bryce Bishop, Scott Kuhnhein and possibly former tight end Jason Caldwell.

defensive linemen

Gone are three defensive line starters, including tackle Ryan Pickett and end Rodney Bailey, both of whom were taken in the 2001 NFL Draft. But two-year starter Mike Collins at tackle will anchor an athletic group that made countless plays in the spring.

Tackles Tim Anderson and David Thompson, and ends Will Smith, Kenny Peterson, Darrion Scott and Tim Cheatwood will rotate in and provide fresh legs for defensive coordinator Mark Dantonio's aggressive approach.

linebackers

All three starting linebackers return, led by middle man Matt Wilhelm, who emerged as a hard hitter and playmaker in his first year as a starter last season.

Joe Cooper played with All-Big Ten abandon at one of the outside spots, while Courtland Bullard contributed six sacks. Bullard, blessed with 4.37 speed, came on strong in the spring, as did a group of backups led by Cie Grant, Robert Reynolds and Marco Cooper.

defensive backs

The Buckeyes lost starters Nate Clements, a first-round NFL draft pick, and David Mitchell from the secondary. The rise of Bobby Britton and the hoped-for return of Derek Ross will key whether the

★ RISING STAR

Linebacker **Matt Wilhelm** was inserted into the lineup in preseason last year and by season's end established himself as both a playmaking and vocal leader. He exudes the kind of on-field and off-field approach OSU fans like to see in their middle linebacker.

Buckeyes can be as aggressive as they'd like to be under Dantonio.

Ross was suspended for the spring after an off-season brush with the law. The nickel back a year ago, Ross was expected to step into one of the starting corner slots this year. If he can't, the job could go to Harlan Jacobs or Richard McNutt.

Hard-hitting strong safety Mike Doss made one All-America team last year, and free safety Donnie Nickey is a two-year starter. That gives the team a safety net up the middle which should be enhanced by the arrival of blue-chip recruit Dustin Fox.

specialists

Josh Huston has the unenviable task of replacing record-setting placekicker Dan Stultz. In the spring, Huston came off minor knee surgery and seemed to grow stronger. He could face a challenge from incoming recruit Mike Nugent.

The coaches pressed one-year starting punter B.J. Sander to get his kicks off more quickly, and he made progress. But like Huston, consistency is Sander's biggest goal.

Outside the Huddle

More Fans The beginning of the Tressel era will coincide with the re-grand opening of a renovated, expanded and modernized (i.e., private suites and a club-seating area) Ohio Stadium. Though official capacity will be listed at 99,000, crowds likely will exceed 100,000 for the first time in history. And the pressure mounts.

Happy 6th Left tackle Tyson Walter had to sit out last season due to a mysterious infection deep in his hip. Its cause wasn't clear, but the effect was incessant weakness which left him unable to perform. A three-year starter since sitting out his freshman year, he successfully petitioned the NCAA for a sixth year of eligibility based on the medical hardship.

Happy 5th Outside linebacker Joe Cooper had played last season like it was his last. He was elected captain, he was introduced as an outgoing senior just before the Michigan game, and otherwise made plans to move on out. A Prop 48 casualty his freshman year, though, he was able to take advantage of an NCAA rule that allows a player to recover that lost year of playing eligibility if he shows proper progress toward a degree. So he's back, too.

Happy 3rd Senior Steve Bellisari is trying to become only the third three-year starting quarterback in the last 17 years at Ohio State. Should he hang onto his job this fall, he would join Greg Frey (1988-90) and Bobby Hoying (1993-95). But how much does that experience mean? Neither of those two ever played in the Rose Bowl.

2001 Ohio State Roster

2000 Record: 8-4
Big Ten Record: 5-3

Head Coach
Jim Tressel

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
48	Adams, John	RB	6'0"	210	Fr.	Springfield, OH	37	Luke, Jamal	WR	5'10"	175	So.	Columbus, OH
34	Allen, Arthur	DB	5'8"	170	So.	Jacksonville, FL	5	Maldonado, Sammy	TB	6'0"	230	So.	Harrison, NY
26	Allen, Will	DB	6'1"	175	So.	Dayton, OH	39	Martin, Jamar	FB	6'0"	245	Sr.	Canton, OH
54	Anderson, Tim	NG	6'3"	289	So.	Clyde, OH	69	Massey, Jim	G	6'5"	290	Sr.	Brecksville, OH
19	Andrews, David	QB	6'2"	210	Fr.	Bloomington, OH	41	Matthews, Thomas	LB	6'0"	200	Fr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
57	Andrews, Kyle	OL	5'11"	235	Fr.	Middletown, OH	64	McDaniel, Josh	DE	6'3"	210	Fr.	Ashville, OH
19	Barre, B.J.	DB	6'0"	185	So.	Toledo, OH	17	McFadden, Rick	QB	6'5"	210	Fr.	Struthers, OH
8	Bellisari, Steve	QB	6'3"	220	Sr.	Boca Raton, FL	62	McLaughlin, John	G	6'6"	290	Fr.	Fairview Park, OH
68	Bentley, LeCharles	C	6'2"	290	Sr.	Cleveland, OH	15	McMullen, Scott	QB	6'3"	195	So.	Granville, OH
78	Bishop, Bryce	G	6'3"	300	So.	Miami, FL	11	McNutt, Richard	CB	5'10"	178	So.	Park Forest, IL
91	Bond, Jason	LB	6'3"	242	Jr.	Worthington, OH	62	Miller, Jeremy	LS	6'0"	200	So.	Lewistown, OH
1	Britton, Bobby	DB	5'10"	175	Fr.	Jacksonville, FL	1	Minnix, Mark	WR	6'3"	190	Fr.	Columbus, OH
5	Bryant, Ricky	LB	6'0"	175	So.	Farmington Hills, MI	52	Muhammad, Jamal	LB	5'11"	235	Fr.	Stone Mtn., GA
58	Bullard, Courtland	LB	6'3"	227	Sr.	Miami, FL	25	Nickey, Donnie	FS	6'3"	203	Jr.	Plain City, OH
87	Caldwell, Jason	OL	6'4"	260	Fr.	Mentor, OH	71	Olivera, Shane	T	6'4"	330	So.	Cedarhurst, NY
82	Carter, Drew	WR	6'4"	187	So.	Solon, OH	36	O'Neill, Pat	LB	6'3"	230	So.	Cuyahoga Falls, OH
49	Cheatwood, Tim	TE	6'4"	250	Sr.	Cleveland, OH	18	Otis, Jim	QB	5'10"	205	Fr.	Chesterfield, MO
14	Childress, Brandon	FL	5'8"	180	Fr.	Warrensville Hts., OH	46	Pagac, Fred	LB	6'1"	225	So.	Dublin, OH
63	Clarke, Adrien	T	6'4"	325	So.	Shaker Hts., OH	97	Peterson, Kenny	DE	6'4"	265	Jr.	Canton, OH
98	Collins, Mike	NG	6'3"	290	Sr.	Newark, OH	23	Petroff, Larry	DB	5'11"	180	So.	Winter Park, FL
10	Cooper, Joe	LB	6'0"	225	Sr.	Columbus, OH	44	Reynolds, Robert	LB	6'3"	220	So.	Bowling Green, KY
32	Cooper, Marco	LB	6'1"	230	So.	Detroit, MI	7	Ross, Derek	CB	6'1"	197	Jr.	Rock Hill, SC
24	Crosby, Curtis	CB	5'11"	180	So.	Columbus, OH	21	Sander, B.J.	P	6'3"	212	So.	Cincinnati, OH
96	Culver, Bryce	DE	6'4"	210	Fr.	Delaware, OH	89	Sanders, Darnell	TE	6'6"	265	Jr.	Warrensville Hts., OH
14	DeMaria, Michael	RB	5'9"	180	Fr.	Oregon, OH	26	Schabo, Andrew	P/TE	6'2"	220	Jr.	Worthington, OH
2	Doss, Mike	SS	5'11"	197	Jr.	Canton, OH	56	Scott, Darrion	DE	6'3"	265	So.	Charleston, WV
53	Douglas, Ivan	OT	6'6"	295	So.	University Hts., OH	9	Shabazz, Raheem	DB	6'0"	198	So.	Chattanooga, TN
57	Graef, Steve	LB	6'1"	230	Fr.	Uniontown, OH	93	Smith, Will	DE	6'3"	240	So.	Utica, NY
6	Grant, Cie	LB	6'1"	220	Jr.	New Philadelphia, OH	50	Stafford, Michael	G	6'4"	280	Jr.	Upper Arlington, OH
18	Groom, Andy	P/K	6'1"	190	Jr.	Columbus, OH	33	Stead, Nate	FB	5'10"	255	Jr.	Marion, OH
88	Hartsock, Ben	TE	6'3"	250	So.	Chillicothe, OH	38	Steele, Ben	LB	5'10"	200	Jr.	Marysville, OH
84	Hollins, John	FL	6'2"	180	Fr.	Huber Hts., OH	76	Stepanovich, Alex	G	6'4"	285	So.	Berea, OH
81	Hooks, Andre	WR	6'2"	198	Fr.	Canton, OH	42	Stover, Rob	DB	6'0"	185	Fr.	Galena, OH
23	Huston, Josh	K	6'1"	185	Fr.	Findlay, OH	51	Sturup, Fred	DT	6'3"	291	So.	Plantation, FL
37	Jacobs, Harlen	CB	6'0"	190	Fr.	Atlanta, GA	95	Thompson, David	DT	6'5"	280	Jr.	Paterson, NJ
66	Jacobs, Mike	C	6'1"	285	Sr.	Maumee, OH	48	Tucker, Jack	LB	6'1"	235	Jr.	Cypress, CA
12	Jenkins, Michael	SE	6'4"	200	So.	Tampa, FL	5	Tyler, Ron	DB	5'9"	175	So.	Euclid, OH
38	Joe, Branden	FB	6'0"	245	Fr.	Westerville, OH	4	Vance, Chris	SE	6'2"	180	Jr.	Fort Myers, FL
29	Kline, Jesse	RB	6'1"	227	So.	Upper Arlington, OH	77	Walter, Tyson	T	6'5"	300	Sr.	Bainbridge, OH
61	Kortovich, Jim	LB	6'1"	215	Jr.	Euclid, OH	28	Wells, Jonathan	TB	6'1"	230	Sr.	River Ridge, LA
16	Krenzler, Craig	QB	6'4"	215	So.	Utica, MI	64	Wilhelm, Kurt	LB	6'1"	230	Fr.	Lorain, OH
70	Kuhnheim, Scott	G	6'4"	285	Jr.	Fort Thomas, KY	35	Wilhelm, Matt	LB	6'4"	245	Jr.	Lorain, OH
86	Lee, Maurice	FL	5'9"	170	So.	Cleveland, OH	11	Young, Mike	WR	6'3"	205	Fr.	Middletown, OH
44	Leon, Chris	RB	5'11"	190	So.	Los Angeles, CA							

2001 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Redgie Arden **LB** **6'5"** **225** **Ironton, OH**
First-team SuperPrep All-America. Division IV co-Defensive POY. Three-time first-team all-state. Recorded 107 tackles and eight sacks as a senior.

Angelo Chattams **WR** **5'11"** **185** **Dayton, OH**
First-team Division III All-Ohio pick as a junior and senior. Tallied 78 rec. for 1,100 yds. and 19 TDs in 2000. No. 1 receiver prospect in Ohio by SuperPrep.

Ryan Cook **OL** **6'7"** **295** **Martinsville, IN**
First-team all-state. Three-year starter at offensive tackle. Preseason All-America by SuperPrep.

Dustin Fox **DB** **6'0"** **185** **Canton, OH**
All-state as a junior and senior. First-team All-America by SuperPrep. Had 12 INTs in his career.

Simon Fraser **DL** **6'5"** **250** **Upper Arlington, OH**
All-state two years. Tallied 130 tackles and 30 sacks in 2000. Top 50 prospect in the country and No. 6 in the state by SuperPrep.

Chris Gamble **WR** **6'2"** **180** **Sunrise, FL**
First-team all-state. Recorded 65 rec. for 1,012 yds. and 10 TDs last season. No. 14 overall prospect in the state by SuperPrep.

Marcus Green **DL** **6'3"** **300** **Louisville, KY**
All-state pick on offense and second-team all-state on defense. Had 80 tackles and 10 sacks as a senior.

Maurice Hall **RB** **5'10"** **180** **Columbus, OH**
Parade All-America. Division II Offensive POY. First-team all-state. Rushed for 3,057 yds. and 51 TDs as a senior. Ranked the No. 12 running back in the nation by SuperPrep.

Ryan Hamby **TE** **6'4"** **245** **Cincinnati, OH**
First-team Cincinnati Enquirer All-Star pick. Second-team all-state. Had 45 rec. for 700 yds. in 2000.

Mike Nugent **K** **5'10"** **165** **Centerville, OH**
All-Southwest Ohio pick. Connected on 5-of-7 field goal opportunities. Kicked a 52-yd. field goal. Set a school record with 165 PATs.

Adam Olds **OL** **6'5"** **270** **Dublin, OH**
All-state pick. No. 1 offensive lineman in the state by SuperPrep. Starting center and long snapper since sophomore year.

JaJa Riley **RB** **6'2"** **188** **San Diego, CA**
Rushed for 1,500 yds. and 20 TDs as a senior. Rated the No. 2 running back in the Far West by SuperPrep.

Lydeell Ross **RB** **6'0"** **205** **Tampa, FL**
All-state pick. Rushed for 2,676 yds. on 355 carries and scored 28 TDs last season.

Brandon Schnittker **FB** **6'1"** **255** **Sandusky, OH**
Division IV co-Defensive POY. Tallied 105 tackles, five INTs and three sacks as a senior. Rushed for 900 yds. with an avg. of 9.2 yds. per carry.

Quinton Thomas **DL** **6'5"** **255** **Ft. Lauderdale, FL**
All-Broward County selection. Had 65 tackles and four sacks as a senior. Team played in the state championship game.

Andree Tyree **DL** **6'3"** **280** **London, OH**
All-state pick. Caught 24 passes for 450 yds. and two TDs and recorded 76 tackles and three INTs as a senior. Had 15 sacks combined from 1998-99.

Chris Vance **WR** **6'2"** **185** **Fort Myers, FL**
A 2000 All-Jayhawk Conference selection at Fort Scott (KS) CC. Had 37 rec. for 598 yds. and 10 TDs in 2000.

Depth Chart

Offense (5)

SE	82	Drew Carter (So., 1)	12	Michael Jenkins (So., 1)
LT	63	Adrien Clarke (So., 1)	78	Bryce Bishop (So., 0)
LG	76	Alex Stepanovich (So., 1)	70	Scott Kuhnheim (Jr., 1)
C	68	LeCharles Bentley (Sr., 3)	66	Mike Jacobs (Sr., 1)
RG	71	Shane Olivea (So., 1)	69	Jim Massey (Sr., 0)
RT	77	Tyson Walter (Sr., 3)	71	Shane Olivea (So., 1)
TE	89	Darnell Sanders (Jr., 2)	88	Ben Hartsock (So., 1)
QB	8	Steve Bellisari (Sr., 3)	15	Scott McMullen (So., 1)
FB	39	Jamar Martin (Sr., 3)	29	Jesse Kline (So., 0)
RB	28	Jonathan Wells (Sr., 3)	5	Sammy Maldonado (So., 1)
FL	9	Ricky Bryant (So., 1)	14	Bam Childress (Fr., 0)

Defense (6)

DE	97	Kenny Peterson (Jr., 1)	56	Darrion Scott (So., 1)
DT	98	Mike Collins (Sr., 3)	51	Fred Sturup (So., 1)
DT	54	Tim Anderson (So., 1)	95	David Thompson (Jr., 0)
DE	93	Will Smith (So., 1)	49	Tim Cheatwood (Sr., 2)
LB	58	Courtland Bullard (Sr., 3)	44	Robert Reynolds (So., 1)
LB	35	Matt Wilhelm (Jr., 2)	32	Marco Cooper (So., 0)
LB	10	Joe Cooper (Sr., 3)	6	Cie Grant (Jr., 2)
SS	2	Mike Doss (Jr., 2)	26	Will Allen (So., 1)
FS	25	Donnie Nicky (Jr., 2)	42	Rob Stover (Fr., 0)
CB	1	Bobby Britton (Fr., 0)	11	Richard McNutt (So., 1)
CB	7	Derek Ross (Jr., 2)	24	Curtis Crosby (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	23	Josh Huston (Fr., 0)
P	21	B.J. Sander (So., 1)
KR	28	Jonathan Wells (Sr., 3)
PR	14	Bam Childress (Fr., 0)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Steve Bellisari, 163-310-2,319-13, 13 TDs
Rushing: Jonathan Wells, 136 car., 598 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Darnell Sanders, 23 rec., 270 yds., 5 TDs
Scoring: Jonathan Wells, 6 TDs, 36 points
Punting: B.J. Sander, 37 punts, 41.9 avg.
Kicking: none
Tackles: Mike Doss, 94, 73 solo
Tackles for loss: Matt Wilhelm, 15 for 47 yds.
Sacks: Courtland Bullard, 6
Interceptions: Mike Doss, 3 for 33 yds.
Kickoff returns: Jonathan Wells, 10 ret., 16.8 yds.
Punt returns: none

2000 Results

S.	2	Fresno State	W	43-10
S.	9	at Arizona	W	27-17
S.	16	Miami (OH)	W	27-16
S.	23	Penn State	W	45-6
O.	7	at Wisconsin	W	23-7
O.	14	Minnesota	L	17-29
O.	21	at Iowa	W	38-10
O.	28	at Purdue	L	27-31
N.	4	Michigan State	W	27-13
N.	11	at Illinois	W	24-21
N.	18	Michigan	L	26-38
J.	1	South Carolina#	L	7-24

#Outback Bowl



Joe Paterno claims it was pure coincidence that of the three new faces that landed on his staff last winter, not a one came from within the Penn State family.

"I didn't say, 'I lose a couple of coaches, I'm going to get a couple of outsiders,'" he says.

History tells a different story. It had been 15 years since the Nittany Lions last hired an assistant without former ties to the team (as a player, graduate assistant, camp counselor or all of the above). Coming off only its second losing season in six decades, the Big Ten's most stale outfit needed an infusion of new blood.

But did it come soon enough to give the 74-year-old coach who is poised to become the all-time Division I-A wins leader a new lease on life?

quarterbacks

Aiming to lead the turnaround is untested Matt Senneca, who steps to the front following the graduation of Rashard Casey. Unlike your typical Nittany Lion backup quarterback, the fans haven't exactly been clamoring for the slow-footed fourth-year junior. He completed less than half his passes in spot duty in 2000 and looked lost on the field at times. Senneca was, however, playing with the second-team offensive line most of the time. As bad as the starters were, the reserve linemen really struggled. The coaches have said all the right things about Senneca, about how he was just waiting his turn, about how he's unflappable under pressure, about his strong presence in the huddle.

"I think Senneca's been a fine quarterback all along," Paterno says. "I think he's ready to go."

He better be. Waiting in the wings is the Zac(k) attack —



Ric Fogel

Shamar Finney

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Keys to Bouncing Back

A staple of every great Penn State team, the offensive line has fallen into disrepair in recent years. Assistant Dick Anderson, in his second season back with the hosses after handling QBs for half a decade, is engineering the turnaround. The Lions have loads of talent just about everywhere else. The line is the key.

Looking Ahead

S. 1	Miami	L
S. 13	at Virginia	*
S. 22	Wisconsin	*
S. 29	at Iowa	W
O. 6	Michigan	L
O. 20	at Northwestern	L
O. 27	Ohio State	L
N. 3	Southern Miss	*
N. 10	at Illinois	L
N. 17	Indiana	W
N. 24	at Michigan State	*

Key Players

QB	Matt Senneca
RB	Eric McCoo
WR	Eddie Drummond
TE	John Gilmore
G	Greg Ransom
DT	Jimmy Kennedy
DE	Bob Jones
LB	Shamar Finney
CB	Bruce Branch

This may be the toughest slate in PSU history. Seven 2001 opponents are coming off bowl games, including powerhouse Miami, which opens the season (and a renovated Beaver Stadium) Sept. 1. Most of the difficult games, however, are at home.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.

W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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redshirt freshmen Zack Mills and Zac Wasserman, both of whom spent the 2000 campaign running the scout team offense.

running backs

Of the three thoroughbred tailbacks in Penn State's stable, veteran Eric McCoo has the best combination of speed, elusiveness and ability to break tackles. Larry Johnson is a burner, but has a nose for the pile. Omar Easy, a 245-pounder, is the most chiseled athlete on the team. If only his football instincts were so sharp.

The staff tried to shuffle the trio a year ago, with terrible results. Look for McCoo to surface as the go-to guy in 2001.

Fullback R.J. Luke emerges from a redshirt year prepared to add versatility to the backfield. An All-American tight end in the prep ranks, Luke is a solid blocker with great hands. Bruiser Paul Jefferson gets the call in short-yardage situations.

receivers

Eddie Drummond and Bryant Johnson should form the nucleus of a strong receiving corps. That's if Johnson can get over the crazy case of butterfingers that saw him catch but four passes in 2000. The staff toyed with the idea of moving Johnson to the secondary during his slump, but he was so dazzling as a receiver in practice that it never happened. Perhaps the addition of former Pittsburgh assistant Kenny Carter as his new position coach will help. If not, sure-handed and shifty Tony Johnson (Larry's brother) will crack the starting lineup.

Senior tight end John Gilmore returns for what only seems like his 10th year in the program.

Al Koolstra





Al Koolstra

Bruce Branch offensive linemen

This has been ground zero for Penn State's recent problems. The Lions averaged an unthinkable 142 rushing yards per game a year ago, and it would have been less if not for the scrambling Casey.

The return of guard Greg Ransom from a redshirt due to academic problems will help. The senior stepped up as a team leader in the spring. Another solid starter figures to be Matt Schmitt, who has finally found a home at tackle after seeing time at center and guard earlier in his career.

1 The number of wins Joe Paterno needs to tie Bear Bryant's Division I-A victory record (322). That should give the Lions plenty of motivation heading into the opener against Miami.

After that, it's anyone's guess who will start. Tackle Chris McKelvy has star potential, but he's only a sophomore. Tackle Gus Felder has been hampered by injuries throughout his career. Centers Joe Iorio and Eric Rickenbach are both undersized, as are guards Joe Hartings and Tyler Lenda.

defensive linemen

This will be a strength of the team, particularly in the middle, where massive 330-pound Jimmy Kennedy and fireplug

Anthony Adams return. Both players are thick and quick. Tim Falls will rotate in to keep the starters fresh.

Reserve end Michael Haynes tied for the team lead in sacks (six) in 2000 despite seeing limited action. A ferocious pass-rusher, he must improve his run-stopping skills now that he's a starter.

End Bob Jones spent the winter as the top heavyweight on the Penn State wrestling team. That figures to help his quickness and explosiveness.

linebackers

Following a disappointing junior year that saw him get benched, once-promising middle linebacker Ron Graham has found a permanent place in Paterno's doghouse.

Last season, weight problems led to his poor play and demotion. Now academic woes are threatening to end his career.

"I don't even know if Ron will be with us," Paterno says.

And to think this guy arrived at PSU with nearly as many accolades as classmate LaVar Arrington. New 'backers coach Ron Vanderlinden, the former head coach at Maryland, still has plenty with which to work, though. It's just a matter of piecing together the puzzle. Shamar Finney was strong in the middle after replacing Graham in 2000. Look for him to stay there now.

Gino Capone and Derek Wake, a 6'3", 233-pounder with an Arrington-like knack for making big plays, are the front-runners on the outside.

defensive backs

Does size really matter? We're about to find out. Defensive coordinator Tom Bradley and new safeties coach Brian Norwood have what figures to be a huge secondary. Deryck Toles and Horace Dodd have come over from linebacker to help out at safety. Yaacov Yis-

★ RISING STAR

Linebacker **Derek Wake** was a special teams terror as a rookie in 2000, almost single-handedly beating Purdue by forcing the Boilermakers to eat two punts. Expect more fireworks now that he has cracked the starting lineup.

rael is back after a trial at linebacker, too.

Also in the mix is Shawn Mayer, who blew out his knee last August while battling James Boyd for a starting spot, and former receiver Sam Crenshaw.

All the safeties, with the exception of Yisrael, tip the scale at well over 200 pounds. So does Bryan Scott, who at 6'2", 215 is the biggest starting cornerback ever at Penn State. He'll handle the right side. Blazer Bruce Branch, who started six games in 2000 before being sidelined with an injury, will be on the left.

specialists

David Kimball could be booming kickoffs for an NFL team right now. The sophomore still has plenty to prove on field goals, though. As a backup last year, he missed all three of his tries.

Walk-on punter David Royer was inconsistent. Rookie linebacker Jesse Neumyer will push for the starting job if the staff allows him to pull double duty.

Branch is a premier punt returner and Larry Johnson ought to handle most of the kickoffs.

Outside the Huddle

Miracle man Adam Taliaferro, the PSU corner who broke his neck at Ohio State last season, has made a miraculous comeback. Doctors initially thought he'd be paralyzed, but he is now solidly back on his feet. Though he'll never play football again, Taliaferro will lead the Lions out of the tunnel before their opener against Miami. Expect the loudest ovation in Beaver Stadium history.

Living large As you read this, construction crews are scrambling to complete a \$93 million expansion of the stadium. The addition of 12,000 seats as well as 60 luxury suites will boost capacity of the facility from 93,967 to about 106,000. On game day, it will be the third-largest population mass in the state, trailing only Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

On the move Penn State's game at Virginia was moved to Sept. 13 to accommodate the Lions' first Thursday night ESPN appearance. Al Golden, the Cavaliers' new defensive coordinator, was PSU's linebackers coach and recruiting coordinator a year ago. He chafed folks in Happy Valley by bolting in the middle of the recruiting wars.

Flyin' Brian New assistant Brian Norwood, who came to the staff from Texas Tech, has the unique task of working only with the safeties. Defensive coordinator Tom Bradley handles the corners. "They're becoming different types of players from corners," Joe Paterno says of the safeties. "There were really too many people (Bradley) was coaching."

Eying the Irish Penn State athletic director Tim Curley plans to renew PSU's rivalry with Notre Dame later this decade. Curley talked to Paterno first. "I appreciate he has that kind of confidence in my doctors," the 74-year-old coach cracked.

2001 Penn State Roster

2000 Record: 5-7
Big 10 Record: 4-4

Head Coach
Joe Paterno

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
98	Adams, Anthony	DT	6'0"	292	Jr.	Detroit, MI
35	Benfatti, Dave	LB	5'11"	220	Sr.	Green Pond, NJ
42	Blosser, Mick	FB	6'0"	237	Sr.	Harrisburg, PA
1	Branch, Bruce	CB	5'11"	190	Sr.	Richmond, VA
87	Bronson, John	DL	6'3"	261	Fr.	Kent, WA
47	Capone, Gino	LB	6'1"	236	So.	Ashland, PA
48	Cosby, T.C.	LB	6'0"	219	Fr.	Baltimore, MD
61	Costlow, David	G	6'2"	267	So.	Lansdale, PA
10	Crenshaw, Sam	DB	6'2"	215	Sr.	Youngstown, OH
53	Crosby, Jason	DE	6'0"	240	Fr.	Venetia, PA
30	Dare, Eric	DB	5'9"	185	So.	State College, PA
86	Davis, Jeremiah	DL	6'4"	251	Fr.	Alexandria, VA
54	Davis, Scott	OL	6'2"	282	Fr.	Parkersburg, WV
84	Delich, Steve	WR	6'1"	190	Jr.	Loveland, CO
27	Dodd, Horace	DB	6'1"	213	So.	Hamden, CT
36	Drenning, Mike	WR	5'9"	178	Fr.	State College, PA
20	Drummond, Eddie	WR	5'9"	185	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA
34	Easy, Omar	TB	6'1"	246	Sr.	Everett, MA
66	Evangelista, B.J.	OL	6'2"	268	Fr.	Delmont, PA
99	Falls, Tim	DT	6'3"	272	Jr.	Damascus, MD
72	Felder, Gus	G/T	6'5"	316	Sr.	Philadelphia, PA
21	Finney, Shamar	OLB	6'2"	237	Sr.	Shelby, NC
25	Gardner, Richard	DB	5'11"	184	So.	Chicago, IL
30	Gasparato, Mike	WR	5'11"	203	Fr.	Irmo, SC
92	Gholston, T.J.	DE	6'3"	280	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
85	Gilmore, John	TE	6'4"	258	Sr.	West Lawn, PA
22	Gilmore, Pete	RB	5'10"	206	Fr.	West Lawn, PA
31	Glover, Terrence	FB	5'11"	238	So.	Trenton, NJ
3	Graham, Ron	LB	6'2"	255	Sr.	Pittsburgh, PA
71	Hartings, Joe	G	6'4"	265	Sr.	St. Henry, OH
81	Haynes, Michael	DE	6'3"	263	Jr.	Columbus, NJ
28	Holt, Erik	LB	6'2"	218	Jr.	Arnold, MD
33	Huet, Matt	K	6'2"	183	Fr.	Natrona Hts., PA
45	Humphrey, Tom	CB	5'8"	182	Sr.	San Diego, CA
63	Iorio, Joe	C	6'3"	300	Jr.	Sylvania, OH
39	Jefferson, Paul	FB	6'1"	267	So.	Wilkes-Barre, PA
49	Jens, Dave	DE	6'1"	225	Jr.	Millersville, PA
24	Johnson, Bryant	WR	6'2"	203	Jr.	Baltimore, MD
5	Johnson, Larry	TB	6'2"	214	Jr.	State College, PA
51	Johnson, Tim	LB	6'3"	226	Fr.	Harding T'nship, NJ
11	Johnson, Tony	WR	5'11"	198	So.	State College, PA
96	Jones, Bob	DE	6'5"	256	Sr.	Wadsworth, OH
76	Jones, Damone	T	6'4"	312	So.	Philadelphia, PA
73	Kennedy, Jimmy	DT	6'5"	330	Jr.	Yonkers, NY

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
95	Kimball, David	K	6'2"	188	So.	State College, PA
88	Kranchick, Matt	WR	6'6"	224	So.	Carlisle, PA
48	Lago, Ben	DB	6'0"	195	So.	Julian, PA
50	Lenda, Tyler	G	6'3"	278	Jr.	Camp Hill, PA
33	Lukac, Mike	FB	6'2"	240	So.	Corry, PA
6	Luke, R.J.	FB	6'3"	236	Jr.	Aurora, IL
70	Marmo, Nick	T	6'5"	287	Fr.	New Castle, PA
23	Mayer, Shawn	Hero	6'0"	202	Jr.	Hillsborough, NJ
8	McCoo, Eric	TB	5'10"	209	Sr.	Red Bank, NJ
82	McHugh, Sean	TE	6'5"	257	So.	Chagrin Falls, OH
77	McKelvy, Chris	T	6'3"	325	So.	Lansdale, PA
28	Millon, James	DB	5'10"	193	Jr.	Wayne, NJ
7	Mills, Zack	QB	6'2"	205	Fr.	Ijamsville, MD
38	Mitchell, Jimi	DB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Exeter, PA
61	Nabavi, Jonathan	OL	5'10"	245	So.	State College, PA
34	Neubeiser, Kevin	LB	6'1"	224	Fr.	Damascus, MD
12	Neunmyer, Jesse	LB	6'0"	213	Fr.	Mechanicsburg, PA
78	Noll, Erik	DL	6'4"	303	Fr.	Gaithersburg, MD
18	Perry, Rod	WR	5'10"	185	Sr.	San Diego, CA
29	Pinckney, Ryan	LB	5'10"	211	Jr.	Frederick, MD
55	Ransom, Greg	G	6'2"	287	Sr.	Stockholm, NJ
59	Rickenbach, Eric	C	6'5"	288	Jr.	Blackwood, NJ
69	Robinson, Jason	DL	6'3"	263	Fr.	Woodbury, NJ
14	Royer, David	P	6'3"	205	Jr.	Centre Hall, PA
65	Ruhe, Sam	DE	6'5"	257	So.	Aurora, OH
16	Ryland, Andy	LB	6'1"	228	So.	State College, PA
13	Sanden, Scott	DB	5'11"	192	Jr.	Fairfax, VA
19	Savage, Mike	K	5'11"	192	So.	Philadelphia, PA
64	Schmitt, Matt	T	6'4"	290	Jr.	Allison Park, PA
32	Scott, Bryan	CB	6'2"	215	Jr.	Warrington, PA
83	Scott, Ryan	WR	6'2"	192	Fr.	Renton, WA
4	Senneca, Matt	QB	6'3"	228	Jr.	Allentown, PA
80	Shirley, Scott	WR	5'10"	190	So.	Enola, PA
19	Smith, Gerald	WR	5'10"	177	Fr.	Ellicott City, MD
1	Stryker, Geoff	OL	6'1"	295	Sr.	Virginia Beach, VA
81	Stryker, Jason	WR	6'1"	199	Fr.	State College, PA
2	Toles, Deryck	S	6'0"	208	So.	Warren, OH
44	Upton, Ricky	FB	6'0"	238	So.	Jefferson City, TN
60	Valoczki, Tyler	DT	6'4"	277	Jr.	West Chester, PA
94	Wake, Derek	OLB	6'3"	233	So.	Beltsville, MD
9	Wasserman, Zac	QB	6'3"	200	Fr.	Tarzana, CA
93	Williams, Casey	TE	5'11"	239	So.	Allentown, PA
41	Williams, Tom	LB	6'1"	240	Sr.	Allentown, PA
15	Yisrael, Yaacov	LB	5'11"	198	So.	Palatine, IL

2001 Signees

NAME **POS.** **HT.** **WT.** **HOMETOWN**
Lavon Chisley **LB** **6'5"** **220** **Waldorf, MD**
He backed out of a Maryland commitment. Runs a 4.6 in the 40. Played outside linebacker.

Chris Gantner **QB** **6'2"** **200** **State College, PA**
The son of offensive coordinator Fran Gantner. First-team big school all-state.

Dethrell Garcia **DE** **6'3"** **235** **Harrisburg, PA**
Tallied eight sacks last year. Played mostly defensive tackle in high school. Runs a 4.6 in the 40.

Andrew Guman **ATH** **6'3"** **200** **Allentown, PA**
Son of former Penn State player Mike Guman. Runs a 4.6 in the 40. Tabbed for linebacker.

Chris Harrell **WR** **6'2"** **220** **Euclid, OH**
Caught 33 passes for 650 yds. and 12 TDs in 2000. All-state pick. Had seven INTs at DB.

Tom McHugh **OL** **6'4"** **280** **Drexel Hill, PA**
Originally made a verbal to Syracuse. Sleeper recruit. Runs a 5.1 in the 40.

Kinta Palmer **WR** **6'4"** **180** **Moncks Corner, SC**
Caught 55 passes the last two seasons. Runs a 4.6 in the 40.

Scott Paxson **TE** **6'4"** **225** **Philadelphia, PA**
Runs a 4.7 in the 40. Could end up a defensive end at PSU. Rated as high as a Top 20 tight end nationwide.

Anwar Phillips **WR** **6'1"** **180** **Germantown, MD**
First-team all-state in the small school division. Caught 46 passes for 1,000 yds. and 13 TDs.

Terrence Phillips **WR** **6'1"** **185** **Sharon, PA**
Runs a 4.4 in the 40. Small school all-state pick. Had 31 rec. for 611 yds. and eight TDs last year.

Tyler Reed **DT** **6'6"** **305** **Pittsburgh, PA**
USA Today All-America. Ranked the nation's No. 55 recruit by Tom Lemming. Two-time all-state.

Matthew Rice **DE** **6'5"** **240** **Greenbelt, MD**
Led team to state title in 1999. Runs a 4.56 in the 40. Picked PSU over Boston College and Georgia Tech.

Andy Richardson **TE** **6'6"** **240** **Pittsburgh, PA**
Played at the same high school as LaVar Arrington. Big frame who runs a 4.8 in the 40.

Michael Robinson **QB** **6'3"** **210** **Richmond, VA**
A four-year starter. Threw for 820 yds. and rushed for 800 yds. in 2000. Runs a 4.4 in the 40.

Charles Rush **DT** **6'3"** **280** **Erie, PA**
Rated No. 95 among Tom Lemming's Top 100 prospects nationwide. Parade All-America. Second-team USA Today All-America.

E.Z. Smith **OL/DL** **6'3"** **280** **Concord, NC**
Graded out at better than 90 percent last season without allowing a sack. Made 100 tackles or more the last two seasons.

Isaac Smolk **TE** **6'5"** **230** **New Middletown, OH**
A four-year starter. Played both tight end and defensive end. Runs a 4.7 in the 40.

LaMar Stewart **LB** **6'1"** **225** **Reading, PA**
All-state running back. Runs a 4.6 in the 40. Picked PSU over Boston College, Virginia and NC State.

Ernest Terrell **WR** **6'3"** **182** **Norristown, PA**
Avg. of 18 yds. per catch the last two years. State 200 and 400m champion.

Gio Vendemia **WR** **6'0"** **175** **Greenville, PA**
Runs a 4.5 in the 40. Picked PSU over Pittsburgh, Syracuse and Northwestern.

John Wilson **OL** **6'2"** **315** **Daytona Beach, FL**
All-state offensive tackle. Picked PSU over Georgia Tech, Alabama and LSU. Runs a 5.0 in the 40.

Allen Zemaitis **ATH** **6'2"** **200** **Spencerport, NY**
Has exceptional speed. Runs a 4.3 in the 40. Tore his ACL as a junior.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	20	Eddie Drummond (Sr., 2)	11	Tony Johnson (So., 1)
LT	72	Gus Felder (Sr., 2)	77	Chris McKelvy (So., 0)
LG	55	Greg Ransom (Sr., 2)	50	Tyler Lenda (Jr., 2)
C	63	Joe Iorio (Jr., 2)	59	Eric Rickenbach (Jr., 1)
RG	71	Joe Hartings (Sr., 1)	54	Scott Davis (Fr., 0)
RT	64	Matt Schmitt (Jr., 1)	70	Nick Marmo (Fr., 0)
TE	85	John Gilmore (Sr., 2)	82	Sean McHugh (So., 1)
QB	4	Matt Senneca (Jr., 1)	7	Zack Mills (Fr., 0)
FB	6	R.J. Luke (Jr., 1)	39	Paul Jefferson (So., 0)
RB	8	Eric McCoo (Sr., 3)	5	Larry Johnson (Jr., 2)
WR	24	Bryant Johnson (Jr., 2)	88	Matt Kranchick (So., 0)

Defense (5)

DE	96	Bob Jones (Sr., 3)	86	Jeremiah Davis (Fr., 0)
DT	98	Anthony Adams (Jr., 2)	99	Tim Falls (Jr., 1)
DT	73	Jimmy Kennedy (Jr., 2)	60	Tyler Valoczki (Jr., 1)
DE	81	Michael Haynes (Jr., 2)	87	John Bronson (Fr., 0)
LB	47	Gino Capone (So., 1)	48	T.C. Cosby (Fr., 0)
LB	21	Shamar Finney (Sr., 2)	51	Tim Johnson (Fr., 0)
LB	94	Derek Wake (So., 1)	65	Sam Ruhe (So., 1)
CB	32	Bryan Scott (Jr., 2)	13	Scott Sanden (Jr., 0)
SS	27	Horace Dodd (So., 1)	10	Sam Crenshaw (Sr., 2)
FS	15	Yaacov Yisrael (So., 1)	38	Jimi Mitchell (Fr., 0)
CB	1	Bruce Branch (Sr., 2)	45	Tom Humphrey (Sr., 0)

Special Teams

K	95	David Kimball (So., 1)
P	14	David Royer (Jr., 1)
KR	5	Larry Johnson (Jr., 2)
PR	1	Bruce Branch (Sr., 2)

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Returning Leaders

Passing: Matt Senneca, 20-46-200-1, 1 TD
Rushing: Eric McCoo, 140 car., 692 yds., 5 TDs
Receiving: Eddie Drummond, 29 rec., 365 yds., 0 TDs
Scoring: Eric McCoo, 9 TDs, 54 points
Punting: David Royer, 62 punts, 38.9 avg.
Kicking: David Kimball, 0-3 FGs, 2-2 XPs
Tackles: Shamar Finney, 55, 38 solo
Tackles for loss: Jimmy Kennedy, 9 for 34 yds.
Sacks: Jimmy Kennedy and Michael Haynes, 8
Interceptions: Shamar Finney, 3 for 63 yds.
Kickoff returns: Larry Johnson, 18 ret., 24.7 avg.
Punt returns: Rod Perry, 14 ret., 4.6 avg.

2000 Results

A.	27	USC@	L	5-29
S.	2	Toledo	L	6-24
S.	9	Louisiana Tech	W	67-7
S.	16	at Pittsburgh	L	0-12
S.	23	at Ohio State	L	6-45
S.	30	Purdue	W	22-20
O.	7	at Minnesota	L	16-25
O.	21	Illinois	W	39-25
O.	28	at Indiana	W	27-24
N.	4	Iowa	L	23-26
N.	11	at Michigan	L	11-33
N.	18	Michigan State	W	42-23
@East Rutherford, NJ				



The Drew Brees offensive show has exited West Lafayette, and now the Boilermakers are getting a bit defensive about where their team stands after making its rare Rose Bowl appearance in January.

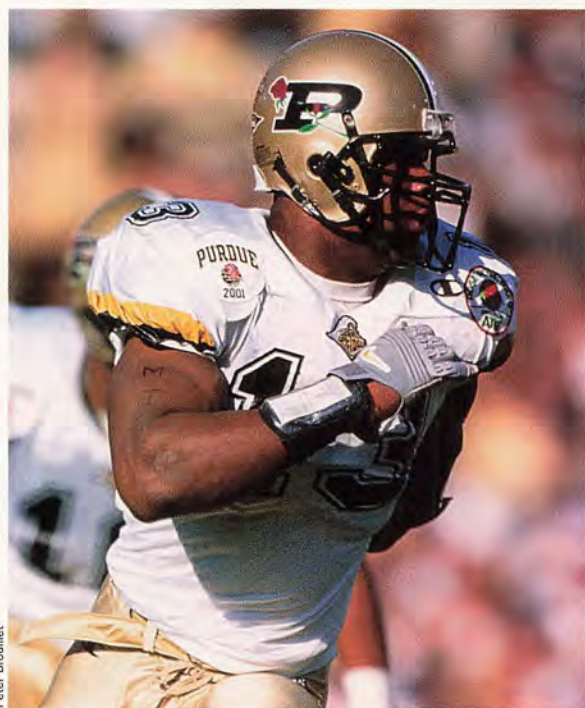
Brees, the Big Ten's all-time leading passer, meant everything to coach Joe Tiller's sophisticated spread offense. And while the Purdue faithful mourn his departure, along with four starters on the offensive line, they can take heart in the fact that 10 of 11 defensive starters return from last year's co-Big Ten championship team.

"Around here, you always hear about the offense, but this year we have a chance to go into the season as the guys who are going to carry the team," defensive end Akin Ayodele says. "I definitely think it's by far the best defense since I've been here. I don't see any weaknesses."

quarterbacks

That redshirt freshman Brandon Hance has big shoes to fill is an understatement. But Hance is probably further ahead at this point in terms of playbook knowledge than Brees was, because Hance graduated high school early and participated in spring practice two years ago. Hance took 80 percent of the snaps during the most recent spring drills. He is capable of putting up big numbers, and Tiller likes how well Hance can throw on the run.

Depth appears to be an issue at quarterback. Carl Buerigler served on the scout team last fall and as number two quarterback this spring. Ben Smith, who was a quarterback when he arrived at Purdue before switching to safety, has moved back to his original position.



Peter Brouillet

Akin Ayodele

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Keys to Another Title

Joe Tiller was fond of saying last year that as Drew Brees goes, so go the Boilermakers. Well, Brees is gone and now Purdue will rely on young, unproven quarterback Brandon Hance behind a basically new offensive line. Working in the Boilers' favor is a strong returning lineup on defense, which will keep them in games in the early part of the season. Don't expect the offense to take long to gel, however.

Looking Ahead

S. 2 at Cincinnati
S. 15 Notre Dame
 S. 22 Akron
 S. 29 at Minnesota
 O. 6 Iowa
 O. 13 at Michigan
O. 27 Northwestern
N. 3 Illinois
 N. 10 at Ohio State
 N. 17 Michigan State
 N. 24 at Indiana

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Key Players

QB Brandon Hance
RB Montrell Lowe
WR John Standeford
TE Tim Stratton
C Gene Mruczkowski
DE Akin Ayodele
DT Matt Mitrione
LB Joe Odom
LB Gilbert Gardner
CB Antwaun Rogers
FS Stuart Schweigert

Tough road games at Michigan and Ohio State loom large. The first early test will come the second week at home against Notre Dame. If that goes well, the Boilermakers could be 5-0 heading into the Michigan game.

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 W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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Concerns about quarterback depth could be relieved when freshmen Kyle Orton and Mike Rhinehart, a pair of high school All-Americans, arrive in the fall.

running backs

While Brees dazzled with his arm and his scrambling ability, the Boilermakers made significant strides in their running attack a year ago. Montrell Lowe is a short, stocky runner who's hard to bring down. He handled the majority of carries and returns as the leading rusher, averaging 83.2 yards per game. But look for Sedrick Brown, who averaged nearly six yards a carry, to have a breakout year. He has good size and speed and can make people miss.

receivers



The time has come to replace 1,000-yard receiver Vinny Sutherland, and as good as Sutherland was, it shouldn't be too hard. John Standeford, Seth Morales, Andre Henderson, A.T. Simpson and Chris James will all see plenty of playing time in the spread, as will redshirt freshman Taylor Stubblefield. Standeford was second in receiving yards behind Sutherland last season and is capable of being a big-play receiver.

And don't forget Tim Stratton, a prototype tight end with terrific blocking ability and great hands. The Boilermakers' third-leading receiver last year, Stratton brought home the inaugural John Mackey Award as the nation's best tight end and would have been a high NFL draft pick had he not chosen to return to Purdue for a fifth year.

Brian Ebner





Steve Wothmann

Montrell Lowe

offensive linemen

Let the revamping begin. The Boilermakers will debut a new-look line now that four starters are gone, and with a new quarterback to block for, this is the most critical rebuilding project. Tight end Pete Lougheed, primarily a blocker at his old position, moved to left tackle in spring. Gene Mruczkowski, the only returning starter, has moved from left guard, where he started 24 games, to center.

11,792 Drew Brees' career passing yardage, which surpassed Chuck Long's Big Ten record of 10,461. Brees was fourth in that category before last season, then threw for 3,668 yards in 2000.

Kelly Butler will take over at right tackle, and Kelly Kitchel, formerly a backup tackle, is at left guard. Rob Turner, a three-game starter last season, is the starting right guard.

defensive linemen



This is where the experience lies for the Boilers, and they've got something to prove this fall. End Akin Ayodele is aggressive and likes to haunt the quarterback — he had a team-high nine sacks last season and was third overall in tackles. In just two years, the for-

linebackers

Because they're loaded with talent at linebacker, the Purdue defensive coaches have toyed with the idea of a move from the 4-3 to the 3-4. The players worked in the spring and off-season on building strength and adding pounds while maintaining or even increasing speed.

Junior Joe Odom will be back in the middle, sophomore Landon Johnson is on the weak side and 2000 Freshman All-American Gilbert Gardner on the strong side. This is an athletic, disruptive threesome.

Senior Jason Loerzel, a starter through all of 1999 before being slowed by a knee injury, is as good a second-string linebacker as you'll find.

defensive backs



Free safety Stuart Schweigert was absolutely dominant last season and — get this — he was only a freshman. He led the team in tackles with

85 and intercepted five passes, the most by a true freshman in Purdue history, on his way to

mer junior college All-America linebacker has shot to third on the school career sacks list with 20 and eighth in tackles for loss with 34. Shaun Phillips, who had seven sacks and 14 tackles for loss a year ago, will be back at his station on the other end.

Right tackle Matt Mitrione has played in all 37 games since arriving at Purdue three years ago and has started the last 35. Of the 13 tackles behind the line he registered last season, seven came in the game at Notre Dame. Mitrione and sophomore Craig Terrill could be two of the best tackles in the Big Ten this fall. Each contributed a blocked field goal attempt to the cause in 2000.

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Redshirt freshman cornerback **Antwaun Rogers**, described as a "ball hog" in the nicest way by coach Joe Tiller, is the only new defensive starter this season. Rogers is the fastest player on the team, having been timed in the 40-dash at 4.39, and was ranked the No. 16 defensive back in the country out of high school.

Big Ten Freshman of the Year honors. Ashante Woodyard will start at left corner with Ralph Turner, who had four sacks last year, at strong safety.

The only new starter in the secondary — and on the defense as a whole — is redshirt freshman Antwaun Rogers, who will start at the right cornerback. Rogers boasts blistering speed and is aggressive in run support.

specialists

Not only was Sutherland the featured receiver, he was also the Boilers' key return man the last three years. Likely replacements include receivers Stubblefield and Morales and safety Chuck McQuaid.

Travis Dorsch returns to handle placekicking. Scott Kurz's 2000 punting average of 36.4 yards would have been higher had he not opened the season as the designated pooch punter before assuming full-time duties in October. Exactly half of his 30 punts came down inside the opponents' 20.

Outside the Huddle

Sticking to his day job Joe Tiller was selected to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" at the Chicago Cubs game against Milwaukee June 24 at Wrigley Field. That's two years in a row the Boilermakers have been represented at Wrigley. Last summer, quarterback Drew Brees sang with former NFL great Roger Staubach. "Wrigley Field will never be the same," Tiller said.

Almost perfect Kicker Travis Dorsch has missed only five of 136 extra point attempts in his career.

Third to first Purdue's third-down conversion rate of 57.8 percent in 2000 was the highest in the Big Ten.

Much to prove Purdue's new offensive line has a lot to live up to. During the Tiller years, the line has allowed only 62 sacks out of 2,131 pass attempts (one every 34.4 attempts).

Inaugural winner Tim Stratton became the first winner of the John Mackey Award for the best tight end in Division I-A. The award was created last year in honor of John Mackey, one of only two tight ends in the NFL Hall of Fame.

Getting a face-lift Ross-Ade Stadium is undergoing a three-year, \$60 million renovation that could become an even bigger project if the Boilermakers remain a winning team. By 2003, there will be a new press box, new suites, concessions and rest rooms and a wider concourse. If the team keeps playing well and there's demand for tickets, an 8,000-seat upper deck will be added to the east stands and, possibly, a 10,000-seat deck on the north end. The stadium's capacity would increase from its current 67,322 to nearly 80,000.

2001 Purdue Roster

2000 Record: 8-4
Big Ten Record: 6-2

Head Coach
Joe Tiller

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
13	Ayodele, Akin	DE	6'3"	253	Sr.	Irving, TX	98	Mittrione, Matt	DT	6'3"	281	Sr.	Springfield, IL
76	Bach, Willie	T	6'2"	253	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN	85	Montgomery, Bobby	WR	5'8"	169	Fr.	Camp Dennison, OH
36	Brown, Sedrick	RB	6'1"	246	Jr.	Victoria, TX	75	Moore, Tyler	T	6'7"	273	Fr.	Fremont, MI
26	Buerigler, Carl	QB	6'0"	211	Jr.	Hobart, IN	84	Morales, Seth	WR	5'10"	170	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
94	Burroughs, Luke	DT	6'4"	261	So.	Perth Amboy, NJ	22	Morris, Sean	CB	5'6"	163	So.	Chicago, IL
71	Butler, Kelly	T	6'8"	297	Fr.	Grand Rapids, MI	79	Mruczkowski, Gene	C	6'2"	310	Jr.	Cleveland, OH
90	Counts, Greg	LB	6'2"	202	Fr.	Walton, IN	40	Nesfield, Kevin	DE	6'3"	236	So.	Houston, TX
49	Decker, Mike	LB	6'3"	240	Jr.	Brownsville, IN	51	Odom, Joe	LB	6'2"	243	Jr.	Bethalto, IL
38	Doe, Brady	S	6'0"	194	Sr.	Tucson, AZ	2	Olmstead, Tim	DE	6'2"	252	So.	Orland Hills, IL
30	Dorsch, Travis	K/P	6'6"	211	Sr.	Bozeman, MT	63	Owen, Dave	T	6'6"	275	Fr.	Dallas, TX
62	Dzolic, Vedran	DE	6'3"	245	So.	Park Ridge, IL	6	Owens, Quinton	K	5'7"	188	Fr.	Avon, IN
66	Eisele, Jason	T	6'5"	271	Fr.	Avon Lake, OH	53	Phillips, Shaun	DE	6'3"	252	So.	Willingboro, NJ
6	Ferrell, Deaunte	CB	5'11"	190	So.	Sagamore Hills, OH	74	Pilipauskis, Nick	C	6'2"	264	So.	Lancaster, NY
16	Gardner, Gilbert	LB	6'2"	220	So.	Angleton, TX	95	Ramirez, Jarod	DE	6'4"	256	Jr.	Fresno, CA
24	Getz, Jon	SS	6'1"	194	Jr.	Grabill, IN	81	Randolph, Chris	TE	6'4"	249	Sr.	Memphis, TN
43	Giles, Daniel	DT	6'1"	260	So.	Ponchatoula, LA	28	Reeves, Jacques	CB	6'1"	180	So.	Lancaster, TX
39	Goldsberry, Jon	LB	6'3"	240	Fr.	Santa Claus, IN	64	Reid, Mark	LS	6'1"	231	Fr.	Lowell, IN
99	Grier, Daemone	DT	6'1"	307	So.	Bloomfield, CT	31	Robinson, Brandon	RB	5'10"	202	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
87	Guidos, Jim	WR	6'2"	170	So.	Granger, IN	12	Rogers, Antwaun	CB	6'2"	166	Fr.	Middletown, OH
4	Hance, Brandon	QB	6'1"	190	Fr.	Woodland Hills, CA	45	Rowe, Jacob	RB	5'9"	222	So.	Oakland City, IN
72	Hardwick, Nick	DT	6'4"	240	So.	Indianapolis, IN	70	Rufolo, Sean	G	6'2"	280	Sr.	Mokena, IL
2	Heaggans, Gary	WR	6'3"	197	Fr.	Kansas City, KS	57	Schaub, Patrick	LB	6'0"	225	So.	Indianapolis, IN
83	Henderson, Andre	WR	6'3"	197	So.	Dublin, OH	9	Schweigert, Stuart	FS	6'3"	202	So.	Saginaw, MI
35	Hill, Marcus	CB	5'8"	165	So.	Dallas, TX	69	Shelbourne, John	LS	6'6"	262	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
91	Holbrook, Matt	TE	6'5"	271	Fr.	Kendallville, IN	80	Simpson, A.T.	WR	6'4"	232	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
73	Holle, Mike	G	6'2"	292	Fr.	Lafayette, IN	17	Smith, Ben	QB	6'3"	210	Sr.	Chadron, NE
33	Jackson, Rob	RB	5'11"	205	Fr.	Granger, IN	82	Standeford, John	WR	6'4"	187	So.	Monrovia, IN
5	James, Chris	WR	5'10"	184	Jr.	Tampa, FL	19	Starling, R'Kes	FS	5'7"	184	Sr.	Arlington, TX
65	Johnson, Brandon	DT	6'0"	271	So.	Kokomo, IN	89	Stratton, Tim	TE	6'4"	258	Sr.	Oak Brook, IL
47	Johnson, Landon	LB	6'2"	212	So.	Lubbock, TX	21	Stubblefield, Taylor	WR	6'1"	166	Fr.	Yakima, WA
68	Kitchel, Kelly	G	6'6"	306	Jr.	Walton, IN	67	Sulc, Jason	G	6'2"	296	Fr.	Crawfordsville, IN
34	Koutouvides, Niko	LB	6'3"	228	So.	Plainville, CT	59	Swann, Doug	DE	6'5"	220	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
11	Kurz, Scott	P	6'1"	195	Sr.	Bloomington, IL	92	Terrill, Craig	DT	6'3"	289	So.	Lebanon, IN
96	Lawrence, Mike	DT	6'5"	268	Fr.	Philadelphia, PA	32	Tharp, Shawn	WR	6'4"	182	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
29	Levin, Aaron	P	5'11"	207	Fr.	Casper, WY	86	Tobey, Josh	LB	6'0"	207	Jr.	Fairmont, IN
88	Loerzel, Jason	LB	6'3"	217	Sr.	Park Ridge, IL	41	Tone, Alex	LB	5'10"	216	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN
93	Lougheed, Pete	T	6'5"	279	Jr.	Fort Wayne, IN	8	Turner, Ralph	SS	6'2"	210	Jr.	Dallas, TX
3	Lowe, Montrell	RB	5'8"	192	Jr.	LaPorte, TX	54	Turner, Rob	G	6'4"	304	Jr.	Kirtland, OH
18	Mack, Corey	CB	5'9"	167	Fr.	Dallas, TX	61	Underwood, Alex	DT	5'11"	266	Fr.	Chelsea, MI
20	McQuaid, Chuck	FS	5'11"	211	Fr.	West Milford, NJ	48	Upshur, Tim	SS	6'1"	210	Sr.	Trenton, NJ
52	Miller, Max	G	6'3"	279	Jr.	Fairmount, IN	7	Woodyard, Ashante	CB	6'2"	201	Sr.	LaGrange, GA

2001 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN
Reggie Benton RB 6'1" 210 Grand Blanc, MI
First-team all-state. Rushed for 1,995 yds. and 29 TDs as a senior. *Detroit News* Dream Team member.

LaDrelle Bryant LB 6'2" 215 Muncie, IN
Recorded 120 tackles last season. Has been timed at 4.55 in the 40. All-state his junior year.

Charles Davis TE 6'6" 265 Orchard Lake, MI
Ranked the No. 55 tight end in the nation by *Rivals.com*. *SuperPrep's* No. 62 player in the Midwest.

Ryan Davis DE 6'4" 245 Millville, NJ
Second-team all-conference in 2000. Named one of the top eight prospects by the *Philadelphia Inquirer*.

Jameson Evans WR 6'1" 202 Shaker Hts., OH
Ranked as the No. 69 wide receiver in the nation by *Rivals.com*. First-team all-state.

Brent Grover LB 6'4" 230 Fort Thomas, KY
Rated the No. 7 linebacker nationwide by *SuperPrep*. Amassed 226 tackles and 15 sacks in 2000.

Antwan Harris DT 6'0" 280 Raytown, MO
Ranked the No. 98 defensive tackle in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Bench presses 420 pounds.

Brent Hawkins LB 6'2" 210 Jerseyville, IL
Ranked the No. 59 linebacker in the nation by *Rivals.com*. As a senior, tallied 159 tackles.

Brian Hickman CB 6'0" 170 Houston, TX
Has been timed at 4.4 in the 40. Led team with four INTs last season. All-district in 2000.

Bobby Iwuchukwu LB 6'2" 220 Arlington, TX
Prep Football Report ranked him No. 94 overall in the Southwest. Runs a 4.49 in the 40.

Brandon Jones RB 5'11" 215 Peru, IN
Ranked the No. 22 running back in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Rushed for 2,201 yds. and 25 TDs last season. Had 54 career TDs.

Matt Knollman OL 6'4" 250 West Chester, OH
SuperPrep's No. 60 player in the Midwest. First-team All-Southwest Ohio. Honorable mention all-state.

Jason Leimberger LB 6'2" 205 West Chester, OH
Rivals.com No. 94 linebacker in the nation. Three-year starter. Runs a 4.6 in the 40.

Kevin Noel WR 6'3" 185 Naperville, IL
Ranked the No. 11 wide receiver in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Caught 39 passes for 632 yds. in 2000.

Kyle Orton QB 6'3" 205 Rumnells, IA
SuperPrep No. 2 quarterback and player nationwide. Completed 208 of 450 passes for 3,176 yds. and 24 TDs in his career. Runs a 4.8 in the 40.

Mike Rhinehart QB 6'5" 235 Fort Wayne, IN
Ranked as the 26th best QB in the country by *Rivals.com*. Completed 165 of 260 passes for 2,480 yds. with 32 TDs and six INTs.

Josh Tomscheck OL 6'7" 270 Strongsville, OH
Ranked as the No. 41 tight end in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Graded out 91 percent on blocking.

Matt Turner OL 6'3" 260 Kirtland, OH
The 73rd best offensive lineman in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Twice named first-team all-state.

Brandon Villarreal LB 6'2" 260 Allen, TX
Ranked as the No. 66 defensive end in the nation by *Rivals.com*. Dallas Fort-Worth All-Metro MVP.

Jerod Void ATH 6'2" 185 Clinton, MD
Rushed for 866 yds. on 119 carries with five TDs and had 24 tackles in 2000. Runs a 4.3 in the 40.

Brian Wang TE 6'7" 260 Fort Worth, TX
Rated the No. 59 tight end nationwide by *Rivals.com*. All-state as a senior. Had four TDs last year.

David Williams ATH 5'10" 185 Dallas, TX
Rushed for 1,395 yds. on 145 carries with 12 TDs. Has been timed in the 100m at 10.6.

Depth Chart

Offense (4)

WR	84	Seth Morales (Jr., 1)	2	Gary Heaggans (Fr., 0)
WR	83	Andre Henderson (So., 1)	80	A.T. Simpson (Sr., 3)
LT	93	Pete Lougheed (Jr., 2)	75	Tyler Moore (Fr., 0)
LG	68	Kelly Kitchel (Jr., 0)	70	Sean Rufolo (Sr., 0)
C	79	Gene Mruczkowski (Jr., 2)	74	Nick Pilipauskis (So. 0)
RG	54	Rob Turner (Jr., 2)	52	Max Miller (Jr., 0)
RT	71	Kelly Butler (Fr., 0)	63	Dave Owen (Fr., 0)
TE	89	Tim Stratton (Sr., 3)	81	Chris Randolph (Sr., 3)
WR	82	John Standeford (So., 1)	21	Taylor Stubblefield (Fr., 0)
QB	4	Brandon Hance (Fr., 0)	28	Carl Buerigler (Jr., 0)
RB	3	Montrell Lowe (Jr., 2)	36	Sedrick Brown (Jr., 2)

Defense (10)

LE	13	Akin Ayodele (Sr., 2)	62	Vedran Dzolic (So., 0)
LT	92	Craig Terrill (So., 1)	94	Luke Burroughs (So., 0)
RT	98	Matt Mittrione (Sr., 3)	96	Mike Lawrence (Fr., 0)
RE	53	Shaun Phillips (So., 1)	40	Kevin Nesfield (So., 0)
WLB	47	Landon Johnson (So., 1)	88	Jason Loerzel (Sr., 3)
MLB	51	Joe Odom (Jr., 2)	41	Alex Tone (Jr., 1)
SLB	16	Gilbert Gardner (So., 1)	34	Niko Koutouvides (So., 1)
LC	7	Ashante Woodyard (Sr., 1)	28	Jacques Reeves (So., 1)
RC	12	Antwaun Rogers (Fr., 0)	6	Deaunte Ferrell (Sr., 1)
SS	8	Ralph Turner (Jr., 2)	38	Brady Doe (Sr., 3)
FS	9	Stuart Schweigert (So., 1)	38	Brady Doe (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	30	Travis Dorsch (Sr., 3)
P	11	Scott Kurz (Sr., 1)
KR	6	Deaunte Ferrell (So., 1)
PR	21	Taylor Stubblefield (Fr., 0)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brandon Hance, 5-9-40-0, 1 TDs
Rushing: Montrell Lowe, 226 car., 998 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: John Standeford, 67 rec., 744 yds., 6 TDs
Scoring: Travis Dorsch, 12 FGs, 45 XPs, 81 points
Punting: Scott Kurz, 30 punts, 36.4 avg.
Kicking: Travis Dorsch, 12-17 FGs, 45-47 XPs, 81 points
Tackles: Stuart Schweigert, 85, 56 solo
Tackles for loss: Akin Ayodele, 15 for 77 yds.
Sacks: Akin Ayodele, 9
Interceptions: Stuart Schweigert, 5 for 2 yds.
Kickoff returns: Deaunte Ferrell, 4 ret., 10.2 avg.
Punt returns: none

2000 Results

S.	2	Central Michigan	W	48-0
S.	9	Kent State	W	45-10
S.	16	at Notre Dame	L	21-23
S.	23	Minnesota	W	38-24
S.	30	at Penn State	L	20-22
O.	7	Michigan	W	32-31
O.	14	at Northwestern	W	41-28
O.	21	at Wisconsin	W	30-24
O.	28	Ohio State	W	31-27
N.	11	at Michigan State	L	10-30
N.	18	Indiana	W	41-13
J.	1	Washington#	L	24-34

#Rose Bowl



University of Wisconsin coach Barry Alvarez is a convert. If you can't beat 'em, spread 'em. Alvarez, who built the Wisconsin program on a smash-mouth running game often featuring two tight ends, has embraced the spread offense and has spent much of the off-season working to incorporate it into the Badgers' attack.

"We invested a lot of time in it during bowl preparation," says Alvarez, who watched Northwestern ride the spread offense to a share of the Big Ten title last season. "We've studied it. We visited South Carolina and studied some things there."

"How much we'll use it I don't know yet. It depends on how effective it is."

quarterbacks

Junior starter Brooks Bollinger and sophomore backup Jim Sorgi give the Badgers quality and stability at the most important position in the offense, and Alvarez has no qualms about playing both this season.

Sorgi is a better pure passer, particularly on the deep ball. But Bollinger is a far superior runner, better suited to run the spread offense and showed improved accuracy on the deep ball during spring practice. Either player could lead the team. Bollinger passed for 1,479 yards and 10 touchdowns and rushed for 459 yards and six touchdowns. Sorgi completed 66.7 percent of his passes for 615 yards and six touchdowns. He came off the bench twice to rally Wisconsin to victory.

"We've got two guys that have won games for us," Alvarez says. "I'll go into every game knowing that both of them are going to play."

running backs

With the early departure of Michael Bennett, only four tailbacks are on the roster. Three have yet to play in a college game. Sophomore Broderick Williams is the lone tailback



Steve Woltmann

Wendell Bryant

Post-Spring Analysis

6th Big Ten

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Keys to a Top-Three Conference Finish

Several key veterans must exceed expectations and several first-year starters must develop quickly for the Badgers to finish near the top of the Big Ten. The line and tailback are the biggest question marks on offense. Finding a cornerback to replace Jamar Fletcher will be a daunting task on defense. A kicker and punter must emerge from a pack of no-names.

Looking Ahead

A. 25 Virginia	W
S. 1 at Oregon	L
S. 8 Fresno State	*
S. 15 Western Kentucky	W
S. 22 at Penn State	*
O. 6 Indiana	W
O. 13 at Ohio State	L
O. 20 at Illinois	*
O. 27 Michigan State	*
N. 3 Iowa	W
N. 17 Michigan	L
N. 24 at Minnesota	W

Key Players

QB	Brooks Bollinger
TB	Tyron Griffin
WR	Lee Evans
WR	Nick Davis
DT	Wendell Bryant
LB	Nick Greisen
CB	Mike Echols

For the first time since Barry Alvarez took over the program Wisconsin will play all four conference heavyweights — Michigan, Ohio State, Penn State and Michigan State. A split, with victories over Penn State and Michigan State, is a must.

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with any experience, and he has rushed for all of 26 yards. But he tore a knee ligament during spring practice and may not be available this season.

The tentative plan is to identify the two most consistent runners and use a rotation system, with each back getting perhaps 15 carries per game. The three freshmen — Tyron Griffin, Jerone Pettus and Anthony Davis — came on strong in Williams' absence. Don't be surprised to see the eventual duo be the powerful Griffin as the starter with either Pettus or Davis, both of whom are small but powerful and elusive, coming in off the bench.

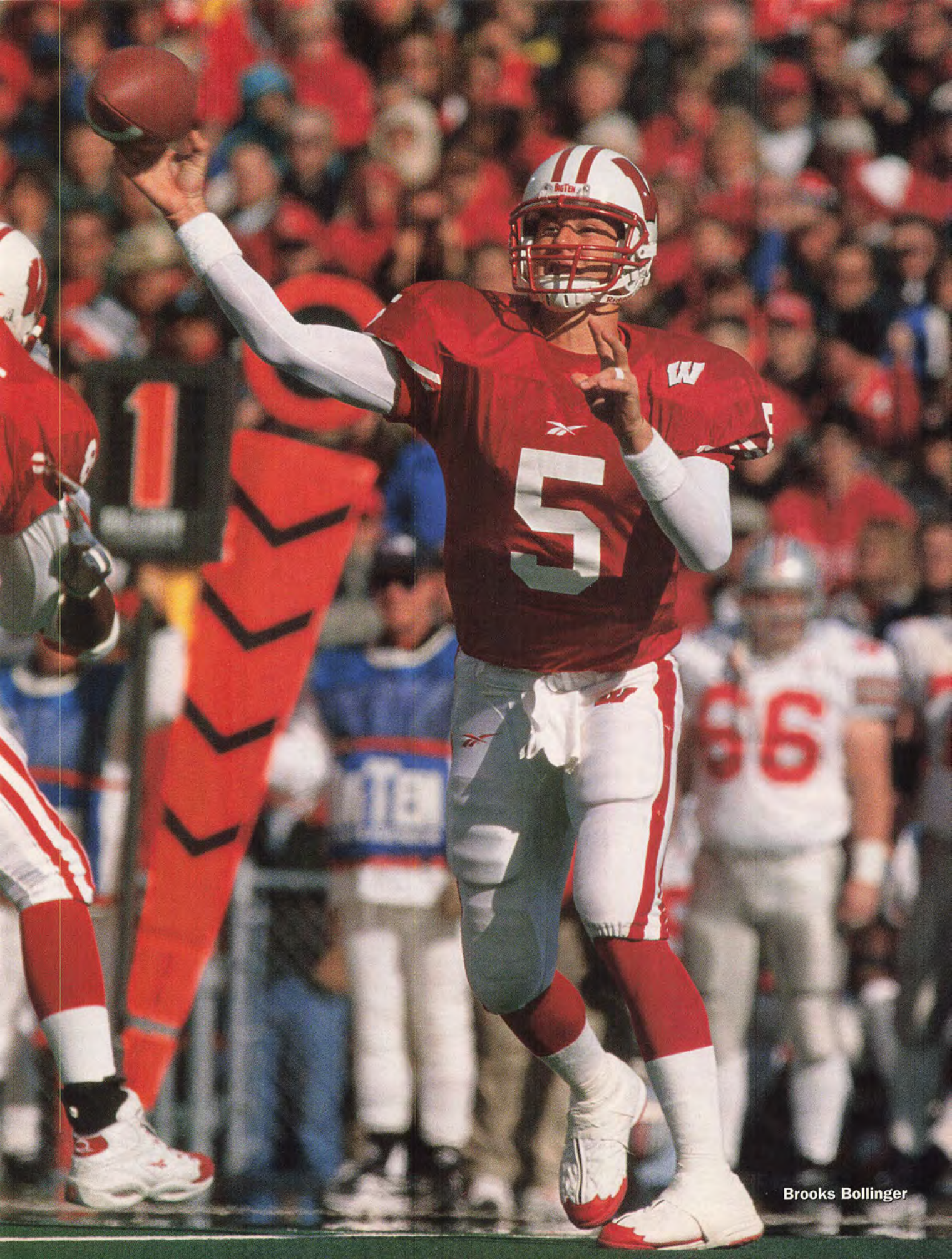
"We're going to have an excellent group of backs," offensive coordinator Brian White says. "I anticipate us to be outstanding."

receivers

Depth will be a serious concern unless at least two first-year players can work their way into the rotation. Junior Lee Evans and senior Nick Davis are the only proven play-makers in the group.

Junior David Braun and sophomore Byron Brown opened spring as the No. 3 and 4 receivers. Braun, who has just two catches on his resume, is a possession receiver who doesn't have the speed needed to separate from quality cornerbacks. Brown, who has yet to catch a pass, is improving but raw.

Brian Ebner



Brooks Bollinger



Brian Ebner

Mike Echols

offensive linemen

One of the reasons the Wisconsin coaches are implementing the spread offense is that it doesn't require experienced, dominant linemen. That is wise, since Wisconsin's projected starting unit will feature three new starters, with only junior center Al Johnson and junior left tackle Ben Johnson back from last season. Junior Jason Jowers should provide stability at right tackle, but the guards will be all new.

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The total number of career rushing yards accumulated by the tailbacks on Wisconsin's 2001 roster, all by sophomore Broderick Williams, who might not be able to play this year due to an injury.

Remember the name Dan Buenning. The redshirt freshman worked with the veterans last season and is expected to start at left guard. He could be the next four-year starter on the line.

defensive linemen

Where's the beef? It is certainly gone from the middle of the line. Looking to combat the increasing number of spread offenses, the Wisconsin coaches have gone with a leaner, quicker look on the interior. Senior Ben Herbert (238 pounds) and redshirt freshman Traison Lewis (235 pounds) have switched to nose guard from rush end. They will be asked

to replace Eric Mahlik (272 pounds), who started 32 consecutive games over his final two-plus seasons.

The plan could change in the fall depending upon the impact of the incoming freshmen, particularly tackle Anttaj Hawthorne, who is incredibly mobile for a 6'3", 310-pounder. If Hawthorne is as good as advertised, he'll be in the regular rotation quickly.

Senior tackle Wendell Bryant must dominate for this unit to be successful. Bryant was a first-team All-Big Ten pick as a junior despite facing double-teams most of the season. Don't expect Bryant to line up in the same position on successive plays. The coaches are moving him around in an effort to set up favorable matchups.

linebackers

Like the defensive line, the linebacker corps is in transition. Senior Nick Greisen, who led the Big Ten in total tackles (146), is entrenched at one inside spot. Senior Bryson Thompson is expected to start next to Greisen, but injuries and inconsistent play have limited Thompson's playing time in the past. Sophomore Jeff Mack, who started 10 games at inside linebacker as a freshman, has been moved to the outside. Not only must he learn a new position, but he must also hold off redshirt freshman Jerron Smith, a natural outside linebacker.

One name to remember is redshirt freshman Kareem Timbers. At 6'3", 207, Timbers has run a sub-4.4 and should push Thompson for playing time.

defensive backs

The biggest name is gone. Jamar Fletcher, who owns the school record for career interceptions (21) and won the Thorpe Award as a junior, left early for the NFL.

★ RISING STAR

With wide receiver Chris Chambers in the NFL, junior **Lee Evans** is poised to become the team's primary playmaker. Evans averaged 19.2 yards per catch as a sophomore, the fourth-best mark in school history.

Senior Mike Echols, a second-team All-Big Ten pick as a junior, is back for his fourth season at the boundary corner. Senior Joey Boese has been moved to free safety, his third position in the secondary. Boese is dependable but not spectacular. Sophomore Michael Broussard, who blossomed into a dependable third cornerback last season, has been moved to strong safety. He is a physical player who should excel there. Finding a field cornerback to replace Fletcher could prove troublesome.

Junior B.J. Tucker has been penciled in to replace Fletcher but he struggled in spring practice and his confidence is shaky.

specialists

Kirk Munden has the punting job for now, taking over for Kevin Stemke, who won the inaugural Ray Guy Award last year. Stemke's leg strength, directional kicking and consistency will be missed. Mark Neuser, a walk-on, takes over at kicker for Vitaly Pisetsky. Nothing is set in stone, though. Alvarez hopes to look at several walk-on kickers before the start of the season.

Outside the Huddle

Close shave Eight of the Badgers' games last season were decided by seven or fewer points. Wisconsin won five of those games.

Bowl over the competition Barry Alvarez has led the Badgers to seven bowl games in 11 seasons. His 6-1 record in those games is tied with Gene Stallings, Frank Kush and Warren Woodson for the second-best winning percentage in NCAA history for coaches with at least six bowl appearances. John Robinson (8-1) has the No. 1 mark.

Run to daylight The Badgers have won 43 of the last 47 games in which they have run the ball at least 50 times.

Passing fancy Wisconsin gained 46 percent of its yardage (2,116) through the air last season. That is the most balanced attack the Badgers have had since the 1992 season, when they rushed for 1,848 yards and passed for 1,721. The Badgers passed for more than 200 yards six times last season, tying the school record set in 1983.

Thirty and counting Wisconsin is one of only seven schools in Division I-A to have won 30 games over the last three seasons. The others are Florida State, Marshall, Kansas State, Nebraska, Virginia Tech and Tennessee.

Sieve Wisconsin's defense, among the best in the nation in 1998 and '99, allowed at least 350 total yards in 11 of 13 games last season.

Near perfection Since Alvarez took over the program in 1990, the Badgers are 38-0-1 in games in which they rush for more than 200 yards and hold the opponent to fewer than 125 yards rushing.

2001 Wisconsin Roster

2000 Record: 9-4
Big Ten Record: 4-4

Head Coach
Barry Alvarez

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
7	Aiello, Ryan	FS	6'1"	204	So.	Oceanside, CA
81	Anelli, Mark	TE	6'5"	255	Sr.	Addison, IL
58	Barrett, Kalvin	G	6'2"	316	Fr.	Spring Valley, CA
49	Bell, Mark	TE	6'4"	244	Fr.	Scottsdale, AZ
68	Benedict, Eric	OL	6'4"	317	So.	Taylor, WI
31	Bickerstaff, Erik	FB	6'0"	219	Jr.	Waukesha, WI
8	Birkett, Matt	DB	6'0"	157	So.	Cambridge, MA
6	Boese, Joey	FS	5'11"	170	Sr.	Villa Park, CA
5	Bollinger, Brooks	QB	6'2"	204	Jr.	Grand Forks, ND
25	Booker, Isaac	FB	5'10"	253	Jr.	Lake Butler, FL
26	Boye-Doe, Howard	LB	6'2"	225	Fr.	Keller, TX
84	Braun, David	FL	5'11"	188	Jr.	Madison, WI
34	Broussard, Michael	SS	5'10"	185	So.	Carrollton, TX
1	Brown, Byron	SE	6'0"	184	So.	Sicklerville, NJ
77	Bryant, Wendell	DT	6'4"	293	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
67	Buenning, Dan	G	6'4"	299	Fr.	Green Bay, WI
47	Cannon, P.J.	LB	6'1"	237	Jr.	Brookfield, WI
13	Catalano, Chris	DB	6'1"	213	So.	Thousand Oaks, CA
63	Chose, Joe	OL	6'4"	292	So.	Stoughton, WI
31	Clark, Carlease	FS	5'11"	192	Sr.	Lakeview Terrace, CA
56	Clemens, Jason	LB	6'1"	220	So.	Lodi, WI
79	Clinkscale, Jonathan	G	6'3"	302	Fr.	Altadena, CA
97	Cochart, Nick	DL	6'1"	259	So.	Brussels, WI
5	Cowans, Chuckie	CB	5'8"	162	Fr.	Chicago, IL
28	Davis, Anthony	TB	5'8"	185	Fr.	Plainfield, NJ
75	Davis, Morgan	T	6'5"	294	Fr.	Barron, WI
22	Davis, Nick	SE	5'10"	183	Sr.	Manchester, WI
52	Downing, Mark	LB	6'2"	233	Sr.	Middleton, MI
69	Dox, Jeremy	G	6'3"	281	Sr.	St. Paul, MN
63	Echols, Mike	CB	5'10"	171	Sr.	Youngstown, OH
6	Ellestad, Pat	WR	6'1"	178	Fr.	Fond du Lac, WI
30	Englebert, Ryan	FB	6'0"	223	Fr.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
17	Espinoza, Adam	K	5'10"	166	Fr.	Arcadia, CA
3	Evans, Lee	FL	5'11"	190	Jr.	Bedford, OH
73	Gajda, Matt	DL	6'4"	258	So.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
45	Greisen, Nick	LB	6'2"	234	Sr.	Sturgeon Bay, WI
24	Griffin, Tyron	TB	6'0"	231	Fr.	St. Louis, MO
42	Herbert, Ben	NG	6'4"	238	Sr.	McDonald, PA
17	Holznecht, Chris	CB	5'9"	159	So.	Janesville, WI
22	Howard, Nate	DB	5'10"	195	So.	St. Paul, MN
74	Jefferson, Jason	DL	6'3"	292	Fr.	Chicago, IL
72	Johnson, Al	C	6'4"	280	Jr.	Brussels, WI
64	Johnson, Ben	T	6'7"	319	Jr.	Brussels, WI
48	Jones, Darius	DE	6'3"	268	So.	Beloit, WI

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
51	Jonjak, Tom	LB	6'1"	201	Fr.	Chippewa Falls, WI
56	Jowers, Jason	T/C	6'6"	310	Jr.	Libertyville, IL
86	Katula, Matt	DL	6'6"	256	Fr.	Waukesha, WI
15	Keepman, Ryan	LB	6'4"	214	Fr.	Oconomowoc, WI
9	Kolodziej, Chris	LB	6'0"	194	Fr.	Stevens Point, WI
59	Koranda, Brad	LB	6'0"	219	So.	Sun Prairie, WI
99	Koth, Chris	K	5'9"	170	Fr.	Kewaskum, WI
41	Kuhns, Chad	FB	6'1"	230	Sr.	Bellevue, OH
37	Kuhns, Russ	FB	6'0"	232	Jr.	Bellevue, OH
91	Lewis, Traison	NG	6'2"	235	Fr.	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
52	Linnihan, Dan	OL	6'3"	293	Fr.	Kirkwood, MO
61	Lorenz, Mike	T	6'5"	296	Fr.	Manitowoc, WI
46	Mack, Jeff	LB	6'0"	237	So.	Madison, WI
89	Mayfield, Jesse	DT	6'6"	271	So.	Indianapolis, IN
43	McGrew, Delante	DE	6'4"	215	Sr.	Brooklyn, OH
32	Mialik, Matt	TE	6'0"	242	So.	Verona, WI
97	Munden, Kirk	K	5'9"	172	So.	Eau Claire, WI
98	Neuser, Mark	K	5'9"	164	So.	Milwaukee, WI
74	Nieforth, Fred	OL	6'8"	292	So.	Antigo, WI
39	Niesen, Matt	DB	6'4"	205	Fr.	Middleton, WI
36	Paciotti, Tony	TE	6'4"	245	Fr.	Jessup, PA
18	Peterson, Eric	WR	6'3"	181	Fr.	Waupaca, WI
20	Pettus, Jerome	TB	5'9"	176	Fr.	Roosevelt, NY
16	Schabert, Matt	QB	6'2"	193	Fr.	Elgin, IL
17	Schott, Zac	QB	6'3"	200	Fr.	Green Bay, WI
15	Simmons, Ryan	SS	5'11"	188	Jr.	Verona, WI
93	Smith, Chuck	DT	6'6"	267	Sr.	Elkhart, IN
44	Smith, Jerron	LB	6'1"	229	Fr.	Lindenwood, NJ
19	Sorgi, Jim	QB	6'5"	178	So.	Fraser, MI
99	Sprague, Jake	DT	6'4"	293	Sr.	Oak Creek, WI
32	Thompson, Bryson	LB	6'1"	212	Sr.	Madison, WI
18	Timbers, Kareem	LB	6'3"	207	Fr.	Chicago, IL
23	Tucker, B.J.	CB	5'11"	171	Jr.	Bayside, WI
82	Tucker, Rob	TE	6'4"	237	So.	Fort Wayne, IN
66	Ulrich, Andy	OL	6'2"	285	Fr.	Oak Creek, WI
12	Watson, Stephen	WR	6'3"	190	Jr.	Elkton, MD
92	Welsh, Jonathan	DL	6'4"	207	Fr.	Houston, TX
9	Whyte, Conroy	WR	5'7"	165	Sr.	Boston, MA
38	Wielebski, T.J.	LB	6'1"	210	Fr.	Ottawa, WI
7	Wille, Scott	QB	6'3"	205	So.	Oconomowoc, WI
27	Williams, Broderick	TB	6'0"	207	So.	Needville, TX
82	Wilson, Jamaal	WR	6'3"	186	So.	Weston, FL

2001 Signees

NAME POS. HT. WT. HOMETOWN
Isaac Ballou OL 6'5" 320 Jacksonville, FL
 A top 75 prospect in the Dixie Region by SuperPrep. High school's first Division I-A recruit.

Brett Bell DB 6'0" 190 Wheaton, IL
 Rated No. 9 defensive player nationally by Tom Lemming. Had 20 tackles and two INTs last year.

Matt Bernstein FB/LB 6'2" 250 Scarsdale, NY
 Class C state POY last two years. Scored 504 points in his career, the third-highest in NY prep history.

Robert Brooks DB 5'10" 170 Carrollton, TX
 All-area DB three times by Dallas Morning News. Made 63 tackles last season.

Darrin Charles WR 6'6" 190 Oshkosh, WI
 All-state as a receiver and defensive back. Career total of 135 rec. for 2,578 yds. with 34 TDs.

Owen Daniels QB 6'3" 215 Naperville, IL
 Ranked the No. 12 quarterback in the nation by Prep Football Report. Passed for 1,750 yds. with 17 TDs and only one INT as a junior. Injured as a senior.

Bob Docherty TE 6'6" 260 Oshkosh, WI
 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel state Lineman of the Year. All-state on offense and second-team on defense.

John Gillen LB 6'4" 225 Glen Ellyn, IL
 Recorded 65 tackles as a senior. Finished with 200 tackles and nine INTs for his career.

Anttaj Hawthorne DL 6'3" 310 Hamden, CT
 Named USA Today All-America. SuperPrep first-team All-America. Second-ranked defensive player in the country by Tom Lemming. Tallied 102 solo tackles in 2000.

Devin Hollins QB 6'0" 185 Los Angeles, CA
 SuperPrep Top 100 prospect in the West. Passed for more than 2,111 yds. and 23 TDs in 2000.

DeAndre Kemp WR 5'10" 180 Carson, CA
 Accounted for more than 2,500 all-purpose yds. in his career. Runs a 10.5 in the 100m.

Mike Kleber DL 6'2" 280 Muskego, WI
 All-state pick. Conference Defensive POY. Recorded 63 tackles and 24 tackles for loss in 2000.

Jeff Lang DL 6'6" 255 Greenfield, WI
 Milwaukee Journal Sentinel all-state pick. Recorded 144 tackles as a senior.

Matt Lawrence OL 6'5" 270 Millsboro, DE
 Two-time all-state. Led school to first-ever state finals appearance.

Lyle Maiava DL 6'2" 300 Honolulu, HI
 All-state pick. Made 29 tackles and had 14 quarterback hurries as a senior.

Jonathon Orr WR 6'3" 175 Detroit, MI
 PrepStar and SuperPrep All-America. Avg. 30.1 yds. per catch and 11 TDs as a senior.

Jason Palermo DL 6'5" 265 Madison, WI
 First-team all-state on defense. Nearly 100 tackles with eight sacks as a senior.

Jason Pociask TE 6'3" 230 Plainfield, IN
 All-metro pick. Class 4A Defensive Player of the Year. Career totals of 47 rec. for 721 yds.

Donovan Raiola OL 6'3" 290 Honolulu, HI
 Brother of Nebraska All-American Dominic Raiola. PrepStar All-America. All-state selection.

Greg Root LB 6'2" 240 Palmdale, CA
 All-league. Made 156 tackles and seven forced fumbles last year. Set school records in shot put and discus.

Dontez Sanders WR 6'1" 190 Bedford, OH
 PrepStar All-America. Had 2,028 career receiving yds. Brother, Darnell, plays tight end for Ohio State.

Scott Starks DB 5'10" 170 St. Louis, MO
 Second-team all-state. Rushed for 1,191 yds. and scored 24 TDs in 2000. Has run 21.4 in the 200m.

Johnny Sylvain DB 5'10" 170 Hackensack, NJ
 New Jersey Star-Ledger Defensive POY. Totaled 47 tackles and five INTs as a senior.

Nick Tofferi OL 6'3" 295 Newaygo, MI
 All-state pick. Recorded 260 career tackles. Benches 420 pounds.

Jake Wood OL 6'6" 270 Bettendorf, IA
 Top 20 offensive linemen nationwide by Prep Football Report. All-conference honoree.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

SE	22	Nick Davis (Sr., 3)	1	Byron Brown (So., 0)
LG	64	Ben Johnson (Jr., 2)	75	Morgan Davis (Fr., 0)
LT	67	Dan Buenning (Fr., 0)	79	Jonathan Clinkscale (Fr., 0)
C	72	Al Johnson (Jr., 2)	56	Jason Jowers (Jr., 2)
RG	69	Jeremy Dox (Sr., 1)	58	Kalvin Barrett (Fr., 0)
RT	56	Jason Jowers (Jr., 2)	61	Mike Lorenz (Fr., 0)
TE	81	Mark Anelli (Sr., 3)	49	Mark Bell (Fr., 0)
FL	3	Lee Evans (Jr., 2)	84	David Braun (Jr., 2)
QB	5	Brooks Bollinger (Jr., 2)	19	Jim Sorgi (So., 1)
FB	41	Chad Kuhns (Sr., 3)	31	Erik Bickerstaff (Jr., 2)
TB	24	Tyron Griffin (Fr., 0)	20	Jerome Pettus (Fr., 0)

Defense (5)

LT	99	Jake Sprague (Sr., 3)	93	Chuck Smith (Sr., 2)
NG	42	Ben Herbert (Sr., 3)	91	Traison Lewis (Fr., 0)
RT	77	Wendell Bryant (Sr., 3)	89	Jesse Mayfield (So., 0)
E	48	Darius Jones (So., 1)	43	Delante McGrew (Sr., 3)
OLB	46	Jeff Mack (So., 1)	44	Jerron Smith (Fr., 0)
ILB	45	Nick Greisen (Sr., 3)	47	P.J. Cannon (Jr., 1)
CB	32	Bryson Thompson (Sr., 3)	18	Kareem Timbers (Fr., 0)
ILB	36	Mike Echols (Sr., 3)	17	Chris Holznecht (Fr., 0)
FC	23	B.J. Tucker (Jr., 2)	5	Chuckie Cowans (Fr., 0)
SS	34	Michael Broussard (So., 1)	15	Ryan Simmons (Jr., 1)
FS	6	Joey Boese (Sr., 3)	31	Carlease Clark (Sr., 3)

Special Teams

K	98	Mark Neuser (So., 0)
P	97	Kirk Munden (So., 0)
KR	22	Nick Davis (Sr., 3)
PR	22	Nick Davis (Sr., 3)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
 BOLD indicates returning starters
 Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Brooks Bollinger, 110-209-1,479-7, 10 TDs
Rushing: Brooks Bollinger, 157 car., 459 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Lee Evans, 33 rec., 634 yds., 4 TDs
Scoring: Brooks Bollinger, 6 TDs, 36 points
Punting: none
Kicking: none
Tackles: Nick Greisen, 146, 90 solo
Tackles for loss: Nick Greisen, 14 for 65 yds.
Sacks: Nick Greisen and Wendell Bryant, 6
Interceptions: Mike Echols, 5 for 110 yds.
Kickoff returns: Nick Davis, 17 ret., 23.0 avg.
Punt returns: Nick Davis, 15 ret., 5.5 avg.

2000 Results

A.31	Western Michigan	W	19-7
S. 9	Oregon	W	27-23
S.16	Cincinnati	W	28-25
S.23	Northwestern	L	44-47
S.30	at Michigan	L	10-13
O. 7	Ohio State	L	7-23
O.14	at Michigan State	W	17-10
O.21	Purdue	L	24-30
O.28	at Iowa	W	13-7
N. 4	Minnesota	W	41-20
N.11	at Indiana	W	43-22
N.25	at Hawaii	W	34-18
D.29	UCLA#	W	21-20

#Sun Bowl

Big Ten Future Stars

Few will argue the fact that the Michigan Wolverines simply dominated the competition in Big Ten football recruiting in 2001. It was simply a stellar class for the folks in Ann Arbor. This success is certainly nothing new. As a matter of fact, over the past decade, one can make the case that no team other than Florida State has recruited better.

Heading Michigan's freshman class of 2001 is lightning-fast tailback Kelly Baraka, who is the one back that can consistently rival Virginia Tech recruit Kevin Jones when it comes to speed. Watch out for a couple of super defensive backs as well in Marlin Jackson and Ernest Shazor. Jackson, from Pennsylvania, was considered the top cornerback prospect in America according to some and

Shazor is a very physical safety who could some day be an outside linebacker.

Ohio State has a new sheriff in Jim Tressel and the results were a solid haul in his first recruiting campaign. Signing running backs was obviously a priority for Tressel, and Lydell Ross is taking his immense skills to Columbus. Ross, from Tampa, was Florida's top tailback prospect. A local product, tailback Maurice Hall, shunned numerous overtures and chose to stay close to home and play for the Buckeyes.

Penn State landed a few studs as well, proving that Joe Paterno can still find the blue chippers. Tyler Reed is the type of big, physical offensive lineman who can get the job done in State College. Quarterback Mike Robinson is raw, but has many skills to suc-

ceed. Losing Jones to Virginia Tech was a heartbreaker for Paterno and company, though.

Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez is among the coaching elite, as evidenced by his success. And signing players like Connecticut's Anttaj Hawthorne should help continue the good times in Madison. Hawthorne is a hulking defensive lineman who is one of those rock-solid anchors that is so hard to find on the defensive line.

Iowa picked up a great one in offensive lineman Blake Larsen, who could have signed with any school in America.

Who will man the quarterback position in the post-Drew Brees era at Purdue? Kyle Orton has the credentials to get the job done in the future.

	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	School
1.	Kelly Baraka	RB	6'0"	180	Portage, MI	Michigan
2.	Anttaj Hawthorne	DL	6'3"	310	Hamden, CT	Wisconsin
3.	Marlin Jackson	DB	6'1"	180	Sharon, PA	Michigan
4.	Pat Massey	DL	6'8"	235	Brecksville, OH	Michigan
5.	Ernest Shazor	DB	6'4"	200	Detroit, MI	Michigan
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7.	Blake Larsen	OL	6'7"	304	Atlantic, IA	Iowa
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10.	Brett Bell	DB	6'0"	190	Wheaton, IL	Wisconsin
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13.	David Underwood	RB	6'0"	220	Madisonville, TX	Michigan
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15.	Brett Basanez	QB	6'1"	175	Arlington Heights, IL	Northwestern
16.	Mike Robinson	QB	6'3"	210	Richmond, VA	Penn State
17.	Charles Rush	DL	6'3"	280	Erie, PA	Penn State
18.	Robert Strickland	WR	6'4"	205	Detroit, MI	Michigan State
19.	Tom Derricks	DL	6'1"	295	Dallas, TX	Northwestern
20.	Angelo Chattams	WR	5'11"	180	Dayton, OH	Ohio State



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East

1. Marshall
2. Ohio
3. Miami (Ohio)
4. Akron
5. Bowling Green
6. Buffalo
7. Kent State

West

1. Toledo
2. Western Michigan
3. Northern Illinois
4. Ball State
5. Central Michigan
6. Eastern Michigan

Marshall teased the rest of the Mid-American Conference with three league losses last fall, but the Thundering Herd still won the conference title for the fourth consecutive season.

Marshall is a safe bet to capture yet another Eastern Division crown, but the Herd might have a difficult time earning the league's automatic bid to the Motor City Bowl. That's because the balance of power in the MAC is shifting to the Western Division.

Toledo and Western Michigan will be showcased in a Tuesday night ESPN game in early November that will likely decide who represents the West in the MAC Championship game.

Toledo boasts two of the top offensive weapons in the MAC in quarterback Tavares Bolden and tailback Chester Taylor. This talented duo led the Rockets to a 10-1 season in 2000 and helped former coach Gary Pinkel land a job at Missouri. Long-time UT assistant Tom Amstutz takes over the Rockets' program.

Western Michigan is known for its explosive offense, but the Broncos defense should be extra stout this fall, thanks to four pre-season first-team All-MAC picks.

Miami returns a strong nucleus, but coach Terry Hoepfner must find a replacement for Mike Bath, the school's all-time leading passer. Bowling Green begins a new era with former Notre Dame assistant Urban Meyer now in charge of Falcon football.

Back in the East, first-year Ohio coach Brian Knorr should have the Bobcats in contention for their first division title. Knorr, OU's former defensive coordinator, takes over for Jim Grobe, who was hired away by Wake Forest.

The Northern Illinois program — which lost 23 straight games in the mid-1990s — is back on solid ground.

Ball State should continue its climb up the conference ladder this fall. Quarterback Talmadge Hill was the MAC Freshman of the Year in 2000 and tailback Marcus Merriweather was one of four conference backs to average 100 yards rushing per game.



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Offense

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RB	Chester Taylor	5'10"	205	Sr.	Toledo
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WR	Kenny Christian	6'1"	198	Sr.	Eastern Michigan
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OL	Phil Hawk	6'5"	313	Sr.	Miami

Defense

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DL	Chris Browning	6'2"	248	Jr.	Western Michigan
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DB	Demerist Whitfield	5'11"	172	Jr.	Northern Illinois
DB	Tedaro France	6'0"	185	Sr.	Central Michigan

Specialists

KR	Milt Bowen	6'2"	213	Jr.	Miami
PR	Josh Bush	5'9"	148	Sr.	Western Michigan
K	Todd France	6'3"	185	Sr.	Toledo
P	Dave Zastudil	6'3"	230	Sr.	Ohio

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QBs	Toledo
RBs	N. Illinois
WRs	Bowling Green
O-line	Akron
D-line	W. Michigan
LBs	Ohio
DBs	W. Michigan



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Akron came so close last season. The Zips finished in a first-place tie with Marshall in the Mid-American Conference's Eastern Division. But thanks to the Thundering Herd's 31-28 late-October win at Akron, it was Marshall, not the Zips who advanced to the league championship game.

"We have a lot to be proud of," says Akron coach Lee Owens, who has guided the Zips to back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since the mid-1980s. "It's no small accomplishment to share the division title. We were one step away from going to the MAC Championship game."

That's what the Zips are shooting for this season. But it's going to be tough without record-breaking quarterback Butchie Washington and standout wide receiver Lavel Bailey.

quarterbacks

Several players will battle for the difficult job of replacing Washington, a second-team All-MAC pick a year ago. Nick Sparks, an athletic transfer from West Virginia, has the edge over the rest of the quarterbacks based on his scout-team performance last year. Senior Ryan Uhlenhake, who has played in eight games in his career, will fight for the job as well.

running backs

Akron is stacked in the backfield. Tailback Brandon Payne, second-team All-MAC a year ago, rushed for 1,062 yards and 13 touchdowns as a sophomore. He's also a serious threat as a receiver. Last season he caught 22 passes for 211 yards and three touchdowns. Payne was the team's top scorer last season with 96 points.

Junior McCray, Bob Hendry and Canadian recruit Thomas Plummer will back up Payne. But there's very little, if any, experience in that bunch.

Matt Zuercher and Dan Basch will split time at fullback.

receivers

Senior Jake Schifino is the top returning player at the wideout spot. He caught 42 passes last year for 778 yards and four touchdowns. Schifino will need help from senior tight end Tim Ritley, who is back after earning All-MAC honors. The rest of the receiving duties will be handled by a group that includes sophomores Matthew Cherry and Bates Szakos and senior Andrew Wilson.

offensive linemen

The line will be anchored by two key returning players — tackles Konrad Dean and Jeff Grzeskowiak, who shared the team's Outstanding Lineman award last season. Right guard Paul Ondrusek and center Scott Smith are also returning starters. Sophomore Bryan Shaw will be asked to step in at left guard, the only vacancy on the line.

defensive linemen

There's a lot of experience up front as eight players are expected to see time.

Sophomore end Dwayne LeFall recorded 4.5 sacks last year and improved as the season wore on. He and tackle Ryan Schulz return, but a replacement must be found for tackle Jermaine Williams. Junior Ryan Gargasz will man the

other defensive end spot once again.

Sophomore Quenton Murdock and senior Chris Smith are expected to play significant roles on the line as well.

3 The Zips lost three games a year ago in which they scored at least 28 points. New defensive coordinator Bob Morris is busy trying to strengthen a defense that allowed more than 400 yards per game.

linebackers

There are question marks here. Terrell Colbert, Ryan Myers, Ed March and Eric Culberson have enough experience to hold down the fort at two of the positions. But the third is up for grabs as Owens admits he's having trouble replacing Louis Mackey, who finished last season second on the team with 66 tackles.

defensive backs

Corvin Amos (the only returning starter in the secondary), junior college transfer Kris Williams, Rickey McKenzie, Maurice Taylor, and John Fuller will all figure into the mix in the defensive backfield.

Brad Detwiler has seen a lot of time at strong safety the last two seasons, but there are others who want his spot.

Marcus Suber, out of Sacramento City College, will be a factor. True freshman Brendon Banks could also have an impact at either strong safety or outside linebacker.

specialists

The placekicking rests on the foot of senior Zac Derr, who is close to becoming the program's third all-time leading scorer. Sophomore Andy Jerdon is the punter again.



Brandon Payne



5th MAC East

#101

Bowling Green has seen better days. The Falcons rank second in the history of the Mid-American Conference with 201 league wins and 10 conference titles. The team's .611 winning percentage is third all-time.

But Bowling Green didn't look the part last season when it finished 2-9, the school's worst record since 1953. That's the bad part. The good part is that 46 letterwinners and 18 starters are back. The Falcons also have a new coach in Urban Meyer, who spent the past five seasons as an assistant at Notre Dame.

"If there is one strength I have it's getting guys to play hard," Meyer says. "That's the number one enjoyment I have right now."

Bowling Green's offense should be productive, considering that all but 65 rushing yards, 24 receiving yards and one touchdown will be back this season.

quarterbacks

Andy Sahm threw for 1,490 yards and eight touchdowns in 10 games last season. He also took off running at times, including a 45-yard touchdown run against Kent State.

Sahm will be pushed by sophomore Josh Harris, who split time between quarterback and tailback last fall. Harris was the Falcons' second-leading rusher, and he gained 103 yards against Miami (Ohio) in his only start at running back.

running backs

John Gibson led the team in rushing last season with 514 yards and four touchdowns. He began last season as a full-back, but moved to tailback when Godfrey Lewis and Joe Alls went down with injuries.

Lewis and Alls are now back, but Gibson is the established starter.



Andy Sahm

receivers

Senior David Bautista was the team's Offensive MVP last season after catching 69 passes for 915 yards. He finished second in the conference in both categories.

Kurt Gerling, who has now caught a pass in 29 consecutive games, is another proven weapon in the Falcons' passing attack. Robert Redd and Aaron Alexander, who combined for more than 1,000 yards receiving in '99, will provide quality depth.

Tight ends Jason Van Dam and Ross Durham are also reliable pass catchers.

174

The Bowling Green offense scored only 174 points last year, the fewest since the 1990 Falcons scored 138 on their way to a 3-5-2 season.

offensive linemen

Right tackle Malcolm Robinson and left guard/center Jon Mazur started every game last season. Mazur is most likely moving to center full-time, making redshirt freshman Andrew Hart the top candidate at left guard. At right guard, Greg Kupke has made eight career starts, while Kupke's backup, Mike Bodnar, comes into the season with six starts under his belt. Dennis Wendel is penciled in at the all-important left tackle spot.

defensive linemen

All-MAC senior nose guard Brandon Hicks is the anchor. He finished last season among the conference leaders in sacks (7.5) and tackles for a loss with 14. He also had two blocked kicks, a pass deflection, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery. Senior end Ryan Wingrove is also back, along with junior D.J. Owchar, who had 27 tackles and four pass deflections last season.

linebackers

Weak-side linebacker Khary Campbell should be a force after leading the team in tackles last year with 95. He also returned an interception for a touchdown. Chris Haneline had 48 stops last year manning the middle, and the third starter, weak-side 'backer Garry Fisher, recorded 44 tackles.

defensive backs

Cornerback Janssen Patton drives the pass defense. He was third in the conference last year with four interceptions. Michael Malone started the final 10 games of the 2000 season and is expected to start opposite Patton.

Strong safety Chad Long is back after starting 33 consecutive games. Free safety Sergio Lund, who finished third on the team with 70 tackles last fall, rounds out the starting group.

specialists

Junior punter Pat Fleming (40.0 yards per punt) was the main reason Bowling Green finished third in the conference in net punting average last season. Freshman Nate Fry and sophomore Phillip Messer will battle to take over placekicking duties from Mike Knapp.



Jim Hofher is confident the University of Buffalo football program has a bright future in the Mid-American Conference. The Bulls' new coach just isn't sure how long it will be until Buffalo experiences success.

"You've got an infant. (Our program) is a baby in Division I," Hofher told a local paper after he was hired. "And what do babies do? They grow up. It's hard for me to think this won't become better and competitive. It's our job to make it happen as quickly as possible."

Buffalo stumbled to a 2-9 season in Craig Cirbus' sixth and final season at UB. Hofher, the former quarterbacks coach at Syracuse, inherits a team which returns 12 starters, including its top passer, top five rushers and top three receivers.

quarterbacks

Senior Joe Freedy, who has started 22 straight games, became one of only four Buffalo quarterbacks to throw for more than 2,000 yards in a season. Last fall, in the Bulls' second season back in Division I-A, Freedy completed 54.4 percent of his passes on his way to 2,060 yards and 14 touchdowns. He ranks in the top five all-time at UB in attempts (637), completions (335) and yards passing (3,835), and his 22 touchdowns are sixth all-time.

Beyond Freedy, no one has a shred of experience. The two backups, Adam Johnson and Randall Secky, redshirted last season.

41.1 Buffalo allowed 452 total points last year, an average of 41.1 per game. Three teams scored at least 50 points on the Bulls' defense.

running backs

Marquis Dwarto (611 yards) became the first freshman to lead Buffalo in rushing since 1994. Dwarto heads into pre-season camp listed atop the Bulls' depth chart, but he will be challenged by senior Albert Grundy and junior Derrick Gordon. Grundy, a former JC transfer, rushed for 422 yards on just 80 carries and ran for a team-high four touchdowns.

receivers

The Bulls have as much coming back at wideout as any team in the conference. It starts with junior Andre Forde, who led UB last season with 36 catches for 590 yards and six touchdowns. Senior flanker Dahnel Singfield (33 catches, 485 yards) and sophomore Zeke McKine (416 yards receiving) will also be primary targets in the Bulls' attack.

Junior Chad Bartoszek, who scored two touchdowns on just six receptions a year ago, replaces second-team All-MAC tight end Brandon Shaughnessy.

offensive linemen

The men up front improved faster than any group on the field last year as five new starters meshed together. Buffalo is expecting another strong season from its line despite the loss of seniors David Pruce and Gabe Kogler.

Key to the mix will be returning starters Tim Hedges and John Nolan, both seniors, and junior Matt Baniewicz. All three started the final eight games last season. They will get

help from senior Josh Stello, a three-year starter who blew out his knee during summer workouts last year.

defensive linemen

Nose tackle Bob Dzvonick will anchor a unit that will be making the transition to a 4-3 front under new coordinator Thurmond Moore. Dzvonick registered 33 tackles last year, including five for a loss. Omari Jordan is the likely starter at the other tackle position.

All-MAC candidate Duane Williams, a former linebacker, is expected to start at end. The other end position will not be settled until preseason camp.

linebackers

Buffalo has some rebuilding to do at linebacker. The Bulls lost two starters to graduation and another, Williams, to the defensive line. And Lamar Wilcher, who is expected to play a key role in 2001, is fighting back from a knee injury.

That leaves seniors Chris Shelly and Brandon Jordan. Shelly made 26 tackles last year. Jordan will move to the outside after making 37 stops as a junior.

defensive backs

Two of four starters are gone, but cornerback Mark Graham (three interceptions in 2000) returns after a solid freshman year. The other cornerback will be Mike Lambert, who had 26 tackles last year. The free safety spot will most likely be manned by Craig Rohlf, if he's healthy. Jason Coley and Youdlain Marcellus will battle to start at strong safety.

specialists

Sophomore Dallas Pelz will handle most of the kicking and punting chores. Pelz averaged just 35.4 yards per punt last year and has yet to attempt an extra point or field goal in his collegiate career.



Andre Forde



Dean Pees has won only three games in his three years at Kent State. The Golden Flashes' coach, however, doesn't have to worry about job security. The school thought enough of him in November to extend his contract through 2004.

The thinking? Pees has improved the quality and character of the players. And that, the school believes, will translate into wins down the road. "We're doing things to improve this program behind the scenes that people don't always see," Pees says.

But on the field the product has suffered. Pees asked for consistency last season, but he didn't get it. He thought the stability of the coaching staff would help. It didn't. The team went 1-7 in the Mid-American Conference and 1-10 overall.

quarterbacks

Zach Williams is gone after throwing for 1,120 yards and four touchdowns last season. Sophomore Jeff Valentino is the most likely successor. He played in nine games last season and threw for 545 yards and four touchdowns. Sophomore Ben McDaniels, who played in four games a year ago, may also figure into the mix.

running backs

Pees wanted to stress the running game last season, but the team only got 111.6 rushing yards per game. Maybe that will pick up this fall with Chante Murphy, who rushed for 800 yards and three touchdowns as a junior.

Booker Vann will also help out. Like Murphy, he played in all 11 games last season, and he rushed for 365 yards and one touchdown.

At fullback, DeMarlo Rozier is the main man. But he only ran the ball nine times last season.



Kent State SID

Chante Murphy

7th MAC East

#116

receivers

Jurron Kelly, who led Kent State last year with 393 yards on 37 catches, will be the primary target. Kelly's a bit undersized, but he has proven to be a clutch pass catcher in the mold of former Kent State and NFL wideout Eugene Baker.

He'll get help from Matt Curry, who finished second on the team with 35 catches for 511 yards, and Ray Quinn, who caught 17 passes for 152 yards and one score. Vann is also of some use as a pass catcher coming out of the backfield.

Tight end Joel Reikowski played in every game a year ago and caught 11 passes for 86 yards and one touchdown.

268

Kent collected a MAC-low 268 yards of total offense per game last season. On the flip side the Golden Eagles allowed 408.5 yards per game.

offensive linemen

The Golden Flashes will be without 2000 All-MAC pick Jason Hupp, but right guard Brian Hallett and right tackle Victor Vrabel return. Steve Smith will be the likely candidate at center, and Deron Bowling will start at left guard. At left tackle, it looks like Tom Reese is the man.

defensive linemen

Pees figured his defense would be better last year. But it wasn't. Instead the Golden Flashes got outscored by an average of almost three to one. Only time will tell whether this year's bunch is any better.

Kent State returns dependable tackles Roy Attieh, a 300-pound run stuffer. Aaron Mayer (nine tackles) and Brandon Bridges (eight tackles) will be asked to increase their production this fall.

Mark Strickland, who recorded 10 tackles for loss in 2000, returns as the starting right end and is joined on the first unit by Shawn Armstead.

linebackers

Senior Rashaan Hall, who finished second on the team last year with 95 tackles, returns. So do Heath Hommel and James Harrison, who has big-play capability at strong-side linebacker. Harrison picked off one pass last year and led the team with 106 tackles.

defensive backs

Juniors Justin Baugham (26 tackles in 2000) and Jacon Avery (77), a former walk-on, enter fall drills as the starting cornerbacks. Each had one interception last year.

Sophomore Desmond Turner, who had 67 tackles and one interception a year ago, starts at strong safety. Senior Reggie Crook and junior Scott Booker will battle for the other safety spot.

specialists

Kicker Dave Pavich returns after connecting on 6-of-10 field goals in 2000. The very busy Jared Fritz will handle the punting. He booted the ball 72 times for an average of 40.4 yards per kick.

Marshall is still the team to beat in the Mid-American Conference. But the days of the Thundering Herd's dominance might be over.

Marshall lost more games in its 8-5 2000 season than in the previous five seasons combined. And the Herd lost an unthinkable three conference games a year ago, yet still won their fourth consecutive MAC title on the way to a third straight victory in the Motor City Bowl.

Marshall, which returns 12 starters, hopes to spend another holiday season in Detroit. And if the Herd can win 11 games this fall, Bob Pruett will become the all-time leader in victories in just his sixth season at his alma mater.

quarterbacks

Byron Leftwich stepped in for Marshall's all-time leading passer, Chad Pennington, and threw for 3,358 yards — the eighth-best single-season total in school history — and 21 touchdowns in his sophomore season. If he continues at his current pace, Leftwich will join Pennington in Marshall's exclusive 10,000-yard club. Senior Stephen Galbraith, a transfer from Memphis, and redshirt freshmen Stan Hill and Andrew English will serve as the backups.

running backs

Three proven runners return for the Herd, led by junior Franklin Wallace, who rushed for a team-high 555 yards in 2000. Brandon Carey didn't run the ball often in his injury-shortened sophomore season, but he was effective when he did, averaging over six yards per carry. Chanston Rodgers ran for just 204 yards on 65 attempts (3.1 yards per carry), but reached the end zone five times.

receivers

Somehow, someday, the team must find a way to replace four senior receivers from last year's explosive attack. Only sophomore Darius Watts and senior Curtis Jones return with any experience at all. Watts caught 36 passes last season for 616 yards and six touchdowns. Chris Ray, Chris Martin and Brad Bates will be asked to assume a much larger role.

Steady senior Gregg Kellett is back at tight end after catching 12 passes for 137 yards a year ago.

offensive linemen

Junior left tackle Steve Sciallo, who has started every game of his two-year career, will anchor the offensive line. Ohio State transfer Matt Zahn will serve as the backup. Senior Steve Content, who played at both the guard and center spots last year, is back as the starting left guard.

After using four different players last season at center, Marshall is pinning its hopes on junior college transfer Steven Perretta. Junior Jeff Edwards will slide from center to right guard, and sophomore Nate McPeck is back at right tackle after starting every game as a true freshman.

defensive linemen

The only returning defensive line starter is senior end Ralph Street, who led the Herd in sacks each of the past two seasons. The other three spots will be filled by relatively inexperienced players.

1st MAC East

#50

Orlando Washington, who started one game last year, and Marlon Hicks are strong candidates to take over on the interior. Senior Kelvin Smith, who is known as a speed rusher, replaces All-MAC end Paul Tovissi.

linebackers

Butkus Award candidate Max Yates is back at middle linebacker after leading the Herd with 115 tackles last year. At the outside linebacker positions, Alonzo Jones will take one side while fellow senior Larry Davis will man the other. Davis has been a spot starter in his career.

58

Coach Bob Pruett has won 58 games in just five seasons at Marshall. He needs 11 wins this season to become the school's all-time victory leader.

defensive backs

Junior free safety Chris Crocker has the most experience, but all four of the players at the top of the depth chart have started games in their careers. Crocker recorded 56 tackles with three interceptions last year. Michael Owens spent most of the 2000 season at rover but stepped in at linebacker in the Motor City Bowl. He is expected to return to rover for his senior season.

The two cornerback spots will look different because long-time starters Maurice Hines and Danny Derricott are gone. In their place will be juniors Terrance Tarpley and Yancey Satterwhite.

specialists

Junior punter Curtis Head is back after averaging 40.7 yards per boot last season. Several walk-ons, along with Head, will battle for the placekicking job.



Max Yates



Terry Hoeppner knows exactly what he wants. The third-year head coach wants to bring a Mid-American Conference championship back to Miami University for the first time since 1986.

The Redhawks claimed 12 of the first 31 MAC championships, but have won the league crown just once in the past 23 seasons. And Hoeppner, an assistant on the '86 title team, says it's time for Miami to re-emerge as the dominant program in the MAC.

"My goal remains the same — to win a Mid-American Conference championship," Hoeppner says. "I was a part of Miami's last conference championship team, and I want to get our program back to that level. That is the mission of our 105 players. We will not be satisfied until we earn a berth in the MAC championship game, and then win it."

quarterbacks

Mike Bath, a three-year starter and the school's all-time leading passer, will be sorely missed.

Redshirt freshman Ben Roethlisberger and sophomore Ryan Hawk were both decorated high school recruits, but neither player has completed a pass at the collegiate level. Hawk appeared in two games as a true freshman and attempted three passes, one of which was intercepted.

Roethlisberger and Hawk will be tutored by first-year offensive coordinator Shane Montgomery

running backs

Miami's running game is on solid ground thanks to Steve Little and Cal Murray, the RedHawks' top two rushers in 2000. Little was slowed by some nagging injuries last season, but still managed to rush for 986 yards and eight touchdowns in 10 games. Murray, also hobbled by injury, finished with 338 yards and five touchdowns.



Miami of Ohio SID

Jason Branch

3rd MAC East

#82

receivers

Two of last year's top four receivers are back in juniors Eddie Tillitz and Jason Branch. Tillitz caught 39 passes for 387 yards and one touchdown. Branch, one of last year's most improved players, averaged 70.2 yards over the final five games, including a five-catch, 143-yard effort against Ohio.

Juniors Chauncey Henry and Randy Stegman will help out, along with sophomore Corey Kirkpatrick.

Senior Robert Frazier (one catch, three yards) is the only returning tight end with any experience.

12

Miami plays 12 regular season games this year, the most in school history. The RedHawks earned the extra game with the addition of Hawaii to their schedule. Games played outside the continental U.S. are considered exempt.

offensive linemen

Hoeppner expects the offense line to be one of the team's strengths this season. Sophomore Jacob Bell will move from right tackle to left tackle. Bell's vacated position will be occupied by either sophomore Ben Herrell or freshman Zac Elcess.

Paul Thaler, a senior who started the final four games last season, returns at center. Phil Hawk and Joe Costello, who combined for 20 starts in 2000, will hold down the two guard spots.

defensive linemen

Junior tackle Ryan Terry and senior end Bob Petrovic started all 11 games last fall. Terry earned second-team All-MAC honors last year from *The Sporting News*. Petrovic recorded 53 tackles and a team-best 11 quarterback hurries.

Junior Kurt Mester and sophomore Phil Smith are battling for one end spot, while senior Gino DiGiandomenico hopes to earn the start next to Terry at tackle.

linebackers

Matt Robillard, Terrell Jones and Eddie Price are all back after ranking two, three and six respectively on the team's tackle list last season.

Jones finished runner-up for MAC Freshman of the Year honors. Price, slowed by injury late in the season, finished with 73 tackles in nine games.

defensive backs

Junior Milt Bowen will play strong safety after playing cornerback last season. Another veteran expected back is senior cornerback Michael Adams. Redshirt freshmen Matt Pusateri has the inside track to start at free safety. The other cornerback spot will not be settled until pre-season camp.

specialists

Sophomore kicker Andy Brumbergs will once again handle the kicking duties. Walk-on Michael Wafzig is expected to replace punter Kent McCullough.



Brian Knorr is the new man in charge at Ohio University, and more than anything else he wants to pick up where his predecessor left off. Jim Grobe left after a 7-4 season in 2000 — his fifth straight winning campaign — to take the head coaching job at Wake Forest.

"I always envisioned that if something came up, I would follow Jim Grobe," Knorr told reporters in December when he was promoted. "But in the final analysis, what it all came down to was, it's really hard to leave guys like (linebacker) Tom Weilbacher, (wide receiver) Joe Mohler and (cornerback) Arden Banks. Those are some of the finest kids I've ever met."

Those players will anchor a team that returns 20 starters and is confident after beating such teams as Minnesota and Marshall last season. That has the players thinking about winning a conference championship, and it looks like the Bobcats may have the pieces to do just that.

quarterbacks

The Bobcats may do more throwing this year with Dontrell Jackson back for his junior season. Jackson threw for 881 yards and eight touchdowns last season, but he did most of his damage on the ground by leading the team with 864 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

running backs

Jackson will be the most dangerous weapon on the team, but he'll get plenty of support from Chad Brinker and Jamel Patterson. Brinker, who is recovering from off-season shoulder surgery, rushed for 734 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. Patterson rushed for 660 yards and seven touchdowns.

At fullback, junior Joe Sherill is back. He played in nine games last season, starting eight, and rushed for 323 yards and one touchdown.

receivers

Joe Mohler caught 13 passes for 251 yards as a sophomore and will be asked to increase those numbers this fall. The Bobcats will also be looking for more from James Taylor (eight catches, 90 yards) and Mareion Royster.

At tight end, senior Chris Knaack is back after catching six balls for 70 yards and two touchdowns last season.

offensive linemen

Junior Doug Wooten is penciled in as the Bobcats' center, but transfer Taylor Ketchum will make a push for the starting position. One starter returns at guard in senior Nick Glowacki, a 1999 All-MAC selection. At the other guard spot David Patton is back for his senior season. At tackle, Chris Jackson is slated to start on the left side, and on the right side juniors Erik Grahovac and Paul Stanko will lead the way.

defensive linemen

The end position will be filled by Mike Fox, who recorded 43 tackles last year, and sophomore Andre Parker, who finished the season with 22 tackles. At the nose guard position Damion Washington is gone and so are his 43 tackles. But

picking up the slack will be junior Lamar Martin, who finished last season with 36 tackles. Martin is recovering from knee surgery but is expected to be ready for the opener.

12.3

That was the average scoring margin last year for the Bobcats, who scored 31.2 points per game while holding their opponents to an average of 18.9 points per game.

linebackers

Tom Weilbacher, who led the Bobcats with 92 tackles in 2000, anchors the deep linebacker corps. Shawn Murphy and Demetri Taylor will battle for the other inside 'backer position, though both can expect extensive playing time.

Seniors Trendale Perkins and Matt Weikert, who combined for 69 tackles from the outside linebacker spot, will battle Greg Baskin for playing time on the outside. Baskin recorded 46 stops in 2000. Sophomore Willie Sherman will also factor into the linebacker rotation.

defensive backs

Senior Chris London is back at strong safety after finishing third on the team last year with 78 tackles. Junior Joe Sellers is the expected starter at free safety.

At one cornerback position, Banks should step in for the departed Donnie White. At the other corner spot, sophomore Bop White will be solid. He had 41 tackles and three interceptions last season.

specialists

Punter Dave Zastudil is back after averaging 44.3 yards per kick last season. And placekicker Kevin Kerr returns after converting 12-of-17 field goals.



Dontrell Jackson



The folks at Ball State are feeling pretty good after finishing the 2000 season with five wins in the last seven games. That was good enough for a 5-6 overall record and third place in the Mid-American Conference's Western Division. It was also five wins more than the previous season. The Cardinals' one-year turnaround tied for the second-best improvement in Division I-A last season.

"Those are positive signs we can build on for the upcoming season," says coach Bill Lynch, who guided the Cardinals to the 1996 MAC title and a berth in the Las Vegas Bowl. "We worked very hard over the winter to get ready."

quarterbacks

Talmadge Hill was named the MAC Freshman of the Year last season after leading the Cardinals with 1,711 yards of total offense. Hill took over the starting spot in the fifth game of the season and led Ball State to a 5-2 record. He ranked fourth in the conference and 34th in the nation in passing efficiency, while throwing for 1,455 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Hill is also mobile and a threat outside the pocket. Last year he was the team's third-leading rusher with 256 yards on 88 carries.

Hill will be backed up by fifth-year senior Brian Conn, who played in all 11 games last season.

running backs

Marcus Merriweather finished fourth in the MAC in rushing last fall with 1,004 yards and became only the ninth Ball State back to top the 1,000-yard plateau. The Cardinals' rushing attack averaged 164.8 yards per game, good for sixth in the league and 34th in the nation.

Anthony Jones, who ran for 515 yards last fall, and Jason Teeters will provide depth in the Cardinals' backfield.



Ball State SID

Talmadge Hill

4th MAC West

#96

receivers

Sean Schembra, who led the team with 484 yards receiving, is back. So is senior David Westbrook, who caught 27 passes for 422 yards and six touchdowns.

Junior Nick Dunbar and seniors Tony Ajibade, Jamar Cottee and Bill Lynch will battle for playing time, as well.

Juniors Jon Eckert and Tim Streit will handle the work at tight end, but they caught a total of seven passes last season.

208

The rushing yardage per game for Ball State in the final five games of the 2000 season. In the first four games of the season, the Cardinals rushed for only 90.5 yards per game.

offensive linemen

Left guard David Miller, center Colin Johnson and tackle John Moore anchor a unit that paved the way for over 3,500 total yards last season.

"This group is the cornerstone of our offense," Lynch says. "Add to our returning starters five returning lettermen, and we are looking for good things."

Kris Berry is slated to start at left tackle and Lavar Charleston is the top choice for the right guard spot.

defensive linemen

Ball State returns three starters on the defensive line: ends Evan Triggs and Rachman Crable and tackle Mark Zackery. Triggs recorded 55 tackles, including six for loss, while Zackery had three sacks.

Greg Pagnard, a sophomore who played in eight games in a reserve role last fall, is the leading candidate to start next to Zackery as BSU's other tackle.

linebackers

Sophomore Lorenzo Scott also is huge in the middle. He led the Cardinals in tackles with 96 and added two interceptions, three pass break-ups and four quarterback hurries. Inside linebacker Shaka Johnson finished second on the team last season with 73 tackles and added a pair of sacks.

Returning starters Cornelius Bowick and Vernard Alsberry are battling for one outside linebacker position in Ball State's 4-4 alignment. Senior Alger Boswell is the favorite for the outside 'backer position.

defensive backs

Ball State, which starts just three defensive backs, ranked 34th in the nation in pass defense a year ago.

All three starters return, led by safety Jade Winchell, who finished third on the team with 72 tackles and tied for second with five pass break-ups. Cornerbacks Steve Monson and Jesse Avant combined for just two interceptions last season.

specialists

Mike Langford and Thomas Pucke both struggled while sharing the Cardinals' kicking duties last fall.

Reggie Hodges is the likely candidate to handle BSU's punting once again.



5th MAC West #106

There is a pretty simple explanation why Central Michigan managed just two wins in Mike DeBord's first season.

"We were terrible at running the football last year and we were terrible stopping the run," says DeBord, a former offensive coordinator at Michigan. "We will spend a lot of extra time in those areas before (this) season."

The Chippewas finished last in the MAC in rushing (92.4 yards per game) and last in stopping the run (267.6).

But with 16 returning starters, including all five offensive linemen and all four defensive linemen, DeBord has reason to believe Central Michigan will be a more physical team in the trenches.

quarterback

Sophomore Derrick Vickers is back after passing for 1,059 yards and seven touchdowns in 2000. Vickers showed good poise for a freshman, throwing just five interceptions in 180 attempts.

Derek Gorney, who completed just one pass last season, is the likely backup.

running backs

The top three rushers return, led by Vince Webber, who rushed for 458 yards on 130 carries. Robbie Mixon (285 yards, one touchdown) only played in five games as a sophomore, but he'll be asked to contribute more this fall. Next on the depth chart is Kenan Lawhorne, who carried the ball 24 times for 86 yards.

CMU must find a replacement for fullback D.J. McClure, who caught seven passes for 30 yards as a senior.

receivers

With Ira Gooch and David Hannah — the Chippewas' top two receivers — lost to graduation, sophomore Steve Messam will be asked to play a leading role in CMU's passing game. Messam caught 22 passes last year for 288 yards and one touchdown.

The other three returning receivers — Rob Turner, Roderrick Means and Willie Hill — combined for just 11 catches and 102 yards. Sophomores Charles Harris and Adam Supinoski and junior David Watson will be asked to step in at tight end for the departed Eric Salani.

offensive linemen

Every starter returns on an offensive line that must do a better job of run blocking. Senior Matt Brayton, a three-year starter, and junior Paul Brieger are back at the tackle spots. At the guard spots, sophomore Derek McLaughlin and junior Kyle Croskey return. Senior center Anders Hill is also back. Hill and Croskey have started the last two seasons.

defensive linemen

Ends Matt Reynolds and Cullen Jenkins combined for just 3.5 sacks last season, but did record a total 15 tackles for loss. Reynolds' 64 tackles were fifth on the team, while Jenkins contributed 49 tackles and forced one fumble.

Tackle Marvin Smith enjoyed a productive sophomore season, collecting 75 tackles (10 for a loss) and a team-high

three sacks. Middle guard Dominic Mancini (33 tackles, one sack) also returns.

linebackers

Middle linebacker Darvin Lewis earned honorable mention All-MAC honors after registering 113 tackles and two sacks. Senior James Westrich (55 tackles) returns at one outside 'backer spot, but the graduation of Ralph Sewell leaves one position open. Junior Paul Brieger and sophomore Ed Hillery are among the former reserves fighting for a starting role.

267.6

Central Michigan finished last among the 114 Division 1-A schools in rushing defense. The Chippewas allowed 267.6 yards per game and an average of 5.1 yards per rush.

defensive backs

Central Michigan led the country in pass defense last season, allowing just 149.7 yards per game. But that figure is a bit misleading since the Chippewas had by far the nation's worst rushing defense. Why pass when you can run?

Tedaro France and Wayne Dudley, both three-year starters, are back at cornerback and will get support from rover Rodrico Epps. The CMU secondary will be without Brian Leigeb for the first time since 1996.

specialists

Punter Brian Brandt averaged 39.5 yards per boot last season. Kicker Paul Savich shared the position with Adam Clyne. Gooch and Hannah will not be around this year to help the return game. Wayne Dudley is the only return specialist with experience back this year.



Matt Brayton



Eastern Michigan's 3-8 season was a learning experience — for both the Eagles' players and coaches. "There is no doubt that my first season was an education for me, my staff and our players," says second-year coach Jeff Woodruff.

"We wanted to come in here and build a program with pride and excitement and I think we accomplished those two things. But as the season progressed it was obvious that we needed to get stronger and faster to compete on this level."

quarterbacks

For the first time in six seasons the Eagles headed into the off-season with questions at quarterback. "It's certainly a luxury to have quarterbacks like Charlie Batch and Walter Church in your program," Woodruff says. "Unfortunately that has all changed. But we still have confidence that one of the younger players will emerge to lead us."

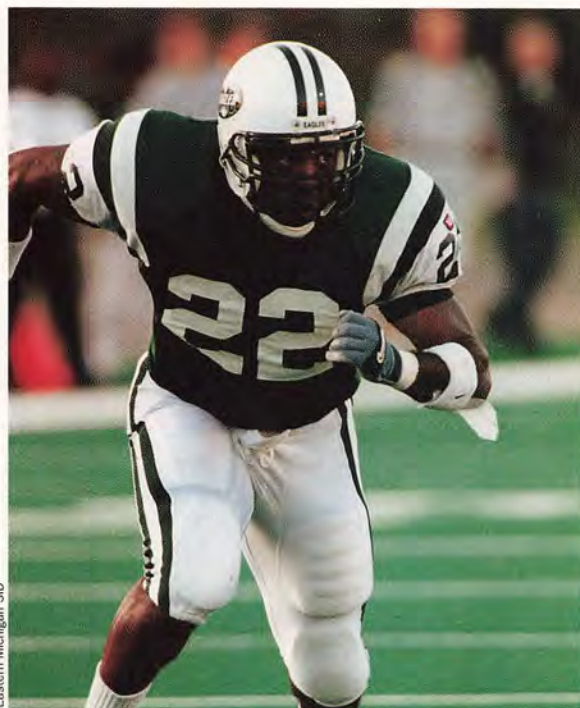
Junior Troy Edwards is the top candidate, though junior college transfer Jeff Crooks will get a strong look as well. Edwards played sparingly his first two seasons at EMU, but he guided the Eagles to a win over Ball State in 1999 when Church went down with an injury.

Crooks could be used as a weapon on the ground. He rushed for 504 yards last season at Fullerton Junior College in California.

running backs

Sophomore Ashantti Watson is the top returning rusher. Forced into action as a true freshman, Watson, recruited to EMU as a wide receiver/defensive back, responded with 353 yards and four touchdowns.

Junior Rich Schutt, sophomore walk-on Sebastian Wolski and veteran Eric Powell will also vie for time in the crowded backfield.



Eastern Michigan SID

Kenny Philpot

6th MAC West

#109

receivers

The wide receiver position may be one of the deepest on this team. The Eagles return one of the most potent pass-catching duos in the nation. Kenny Christian and Kevin Walter combined for 133 catches, 1,529 yards and eight touchdowns in 2000.

Junior Jamal Stevens should also make some noise, and the coaching staff is high on senior transfer Chris Archie.

Veteran tight end Matt Kelly has graduated, but junior Brett Wells should adequately fill the void. Wells started the first three games last season before missing the rest of the season with a broken foot.

60

Eastern Michigan recorded just 60 first downs rushing last year. Their opponents, on the other hand, racked up 110 rushing first downs.

offensive linemen

Cory Annett started all 11 games last fall, eight at center and three at right guard. Left tackle John Grabowski has started the last 22 games. The other returning starter, senior right guard Rich Chorak, can play any position on the line.

Senior Craig Cipa's status is uncertain as he awaits a decision on a medical redshirt from the NCAA. Redshirt freshman Dan Davis, freshman Nick Suszan and senior Damian Tilley are all fighting for time at the two open positions.

defensive linemen

Senior tackles James Turner and Jari Brown are back, along with a part-time starter at left end, Elliott Daniels. Turner finished last season with 67 tackles, while Brown added 28. Senior Antone Hines (15 tackles in 2000) has the inside track at right end.

linebackers

Strong-side linebacker Kenny Philpot, a senior, led the Eagles last year with 108 tackles. Playing next to him in the middle will be senior Scott Russell, who recorded 104 stops. The only linebacker that must be replaced is Jason Short, who is gone after making 79 tackles last year.

defensive backs

Eastern Michigan returns three solid cornerbacks in Maurice Ryland (seven starts in 2000), Andrea Brooks (10 starts) and Erick Middleton (one start).

Terrence Dills and David Huff battled all last season for time at strong safety and their competition should continue through pre-season camp. Josh Martin and Jerame Perry are fighting to start at free safety.

specialists

Senior kicker Toller Starnes is back after leading the team in scoring each of the past two seasons. But he will be pushed by Ohio State transfer Eric Klaban.

Junior college transfer David Rysko has the inside track to replace four-year punter Nick Avondet.



3rd MAC West

#89

Northern Illinois' steady climb to respectability is complete. The Huskies finished with a winning record (6-5) for the first time since 1990 and set school records for points, touchdowns and yardage.

But where does that leave the 2001 outfit? On the upswing? On the slide? That depends.

"We're a mystery team," says sixth-year Northern coach Joe Novak, who returns only 11 seniors and 12 starters. "It depends on how we mature, how quickly we develop. There's no doubt that we've improved since the 23-game losing streak (1996-98). At the same time we still have a ways to go until we break into the MAC's upper echelon. That's our next challenge."

quarterbacks

Senior Chris Finlen received most of the work last season, and he's the projected starter this fall. Finlen threw for 1,857 yards (a single-season school record) and 11 touchdowns last season and ranked 26th in the nation in passing efficiency.

Finlen will be pushed by redshirt freshmen Josh Haldi and Andy Lothson, junior college transfer Kyle Padia and junior Dan Urban.

running backs

Thomas Hammock (1,083 yards and 16 TDs) and Michael Turner (983 yards and seven scores) give the Huskies a powerful one-two punch in the backfield.

Hammock is the nation's No. 4 returning scorer and the No. 6 returning rusher. His plodding running style produced six 100-yard games last season before he broke his right ankle against Toledo. Turner, more of a speedster, gained 511 of his 983 yards in the final two games of the season.

receivers

It won't be easy for the team to replace Justin McCareins, who owns the school record for career catches, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns.

But there are plenty of options and capable players in the mix. The key ingredient is senior Darrell Hill, who missed nine games last season with a broken right hand. Many in the program say he's faster than McCareins. Keith Perry and P.J. Fleck both return as capable wideouts.

At tight end, two players will get most of the work — junior Matt Dunker, who will get some balls thrown his way, and senior Joey Reed, who is used primarily as a blocker.

offensive linemen

The potent Northern attack was led by an experienced offensive line. Only two starters return, however, in 2001 — juniors Tim Vincent (18 career starts) and Greg Clemens (nine starts). Two others, senior John Pedersen and junior Graham Sleight, enter the season with 10 starts combined. Sophomore Todd Ghilani is slated to start at center.

defensive linemen

Senior defensive end Trent Clemen leads the men up front. He led the unit in tackles with 54, pass deflections with six and quarterback hurries with 11. Junior nose tackle

Eric Didesch started seven games last year and junior tackle Anthony Falbo started six. Sophomore Jason Frank, juniors Sean Hopson and James Johnson, and seniors Jon Peters and Rashad Walker will also make noise.

96

The number of points scored last season by tailback Thomas Hammock, who led the team despite playing in only nine games.

linebackers

Junior Larry Williams returns with 21 career starts and 181 career tackles. He was a first-team All-MAC pick last season. Sophomore Nick Duffy and senior Ryan Laurenti are expected to round out the starting unit. A couple of sophomores will be asked to help out, too.

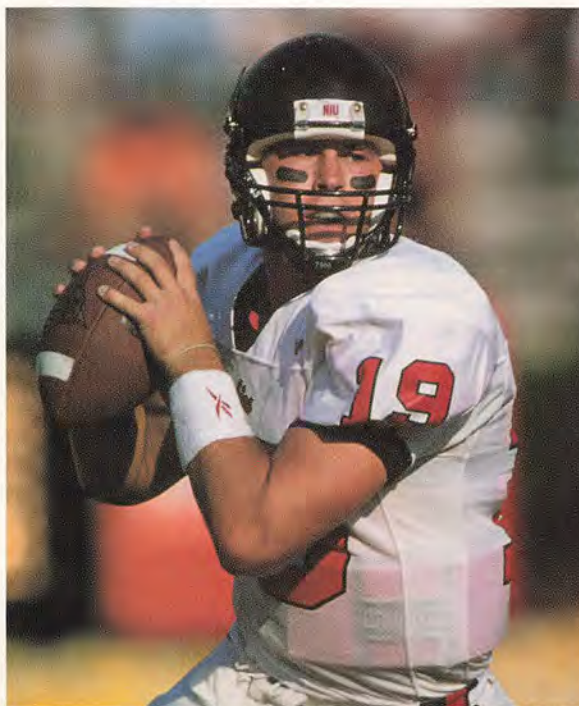
defensive backs

Gone is first-team all-MAC strong safety Jermaine Hampton and second-team all-conference free safety Buster Sampson. But cornerbacks Vince Thompson and Demerist Whitfield are solid. Whitfield, free safety Jon Pendergrass, and strong safeties Justin Dole and Akil Grant each blocked one punt last season.

Cornerback Randee Drew made school history when he started once at nickel back and twice at wide receiver.

specialists

Kicker Steve Azar hit 14-of-15 field goals last season and became the school's first freshman All-American since 1988. Punter Jimmy Erwin, who averaged 38.1 yards per boot last season, is back as well. Whitfield, Hill and Fleck will be called upon to step up returning punts and kicks.



Northern Illinois SID

Chris Finlen



Tom Amstutz spent 21 years as an assistant at Toledo and worked under four different head coaches. Finally, the former Rocket offensive guard is the man in charge at his alma mater.

Amstutz was named the school's 24th head coach in mid-December, replacing his former boss Gary Pinkel, who left for Missouri after guiding the Rockets to a 10-1 season in 2000.

Toledo returns a solid nucleus from a club that scored a school-record 400 points and posted its seventh consecutive winning season in the Mid-American Conference.

"I feel good about what we accomplished," says Amstutz, who plans to open up the Toledo offense. "I feel like we're off and running. We have a new-look offense and a veteran defense that's excited to get back on the field and re-prove itself. I can't wait. And we can do better."

quarterbacks

First-team All-MAC quarterback Tavares Bolden is back, but he has been forced to learn a new offense. Bolden threw for 1,597 yards and 13 touchdowns and added 390 yards on the ground in 2000. He will likely be asked to throw the ball more this season.

running backs

First-team All-MAC tailback Chester Taylor returns, and Toledo is touting the senior as a Heisman Trophy candidate. He torched Penn State for 141 yards in the season opener and gained close to 1,500 yards last season. The coaches suspect he'll be even more dangerous running against defenses geared to stop the pass.

Taylor is backed up by seniors Antwon McCray (567 yards rushing in 2000) and William Bratton (486 yards in 1999).



Toledo SID

Chester Taylor

receivers

Dontà Greene, who had 31 receptions a year ago, is the only Rocket receiver who caught more than 15 passes. Amstutz will need juniors Manny Johnson and Carl Ford to step forward, as well as redshirt freshmen Terrance Hudson and Corterris Reese.

The Rockets have a talented group of tight ends, led by Greg Grothous, who are expected to play a big role in the passing scheme.

21

The number of years Tom Amstutz spent as an assistant at Toledo before he was hired as the new coach following last season.

offensive linemen

Senior center Nick Otterbacher, who earned honorable mention all-conference honors, missed spring drills, but he is expected to anchor the line during the season.

Noah Swartz started 11 games at tackle last season, but was moved to guard during spring practice. Matt Comer and Archie Godfrey are both expected to become full-time starters this fall. Tim Dirksen, Erik Faasen and Darric Randolph will battle for a starting spot during preseason camp.

defensive linemen

Senior Leo Frierson, a co-captain who had 61 tackles and three sacks last year, will work at one defensive end spot, while senior David Bockmore (44 tackles) will shift over to the other end position.

At the tackle position, the top players are Jake McLean (52 tackles), Phil Gibson (21) and Sameer Hamood. Amstutz is also high on the potential of sophomore Chaz Williams.

linebackers

Inside linebacker David Gardner started nine games last season and recorded 82 tackles. Tom Ward (70 tackles) is slated to start at the other inside 'backer position. Jason Manson is the most experienced reserve linebacker.

Corey Morris (75 tackles) figures to be the leader at the outside linebacker position, though Sid Daniels is also expected to contribute. Sophomore Paul Dye is the top choice to replace rover Ira Singleton.

defensive backs

Free safety Andy Boyd, who racked up a team-high 95 tackles a year ago, anchors the Toledo secondary, which intercepted seven passes a year ago.

At cornerback, Brandon Hefflin and Jehu Anderson are poised to make some noise. Hefflin was one of the league's top freshmen last season, intercepting three passes and breaking up seven more. Anderson, a two-year starter, flourished as a sophomore with 64 tackles. Tony Miller, James Stanley and Brandon Carter will provide depth in the secondary.

specialists

Toledo has one of the best kickers in the country in senior Todd France. Former walk-on Brandon Hannum will be Toledo's punter after averaging 37.9 yards as a freshman.



The 2000 season was a historic year for Western Michigan football. The Broncos set a school record with seven conference wins in the Mid-American Conference, won the league's Western Division title for the second straight year and won nine games overall for the first time in 95 seasons.

"I believe the program we have right now can do anything it wants to do," says Gary Darnell, who was named the league's Coach of the Year. "We have to continue to improve just so we stay even with the rest of the conference, but at the same time, we have every opportunity to grow at any rate we choose to."

quarterbacks

Jeff Welsh was outstanding in his first year as a starter. The former understudy to Tim Lester — the all-time leading passer in the MAC — Welsh threw for 2,537 yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior. He averaged 211.4 passing yards per game and also rushed for 168 yards and two touchdowns.

Welsh's backup, senior Ryan Harris, played sparingly in seven contests last season.

running backs

Robert Sanford finished his career as the school's all-time leading rusher. His 1,571 yards and 18 touchdowns will be missed.

But senior Charles Woods, who rushed for 298 yards in 10 games, is ready to fill in. Sophomore Philip Reed will also figure into the mix. He played in four games last year and rushed for 48 yards and one touchdown.

receivers

Western Michigan must replace Steve Neal, the school's — and the conference's — all-time leader in receptions and receiving yards.

There's a host of receivers eager to step into the Broncos' high-powered offense. One of them is senior Josh Bush, the team's top returning receiver with 463 yards and four touchdowns. Micah Zuhl is another strong candidate to start. The third wideout will likely be Darnell Jennings.

At tight end, the Broncos will rely on junior Mobolaji Afariogun, who scored three touchdowns last year.

offensive linemen

The Broncos return a trio of senior starters on the offensive line — guards Jeff Hinson and Adam Cones and right tackle Matt Stover. They will be joined by left tackle C.R. Moultry, a 333-pound sophomore, and center Jake Gasaway.

Paul Lambert, a first-team All-MAC pick in 2000, is a key loss up front.

defensive linemen

The Broncos are young, quick and very talented up front. Anthony Allsbury, a first-team All-MAC selection last year, is the leader of the line. Allsbury led the Broncos with eight sacks and finished second on the team with 13 tackles for loss. Second-team All-MAC pick Chris Browning (five sacks) will line up on the other end. In the middle, seniors Bryan Pinder and Larry King will start at tackle.

linebackers

Two key linebackers must be replaced — Garrett Soldano and Mario Evans. Those two starting linebackers both surpassed 300 career tackles last season, and they will be missed.

But others are there to fill the void, starting with inside 'backers Bryan Lape and Jason Malloy. Lape finished last season with 31 tackles, while Malloy added seven stops.

On the outside, senior Carlos Smith takes over for Terrence Moore, who is applying for an extra year of eligibility from the NCAA. Smith finished with 30 tackles.



Western Michigan finished fourth in the nation in scoring defense in 2000, allowing only 11.5 points per game.

defensive backs

Seniors dominate this position with strong safety Brandon Brown and cornerbacks Ronald Rogers and Joe Ballard playing alongside junior free safety Jermaine Lewis. Rogers, a second-team All-MAC pick, had four interceptions for the third straight season. Lewis, also a second-team All-MAC honoree, led WMU defensive backs with eight tackles for loss and three sacks.

specialists

Brad Selent, the most prolific kicker in the history of the conference, is gone. Junior college transfer Byungwoo Yun will battle redshirt freshman Robert Menchinger for place-kicking duties. Matt Steffen enters his third season as the starting punter. Bush, the Broncos' all-time leader in punt return yardage, finished fourth in the MAC Special Teams Player of the Year balloting.



Western Michigan SID

Josh Bush



Cincinnati coach Rick Minter knows the fine line his program walks between winning and losing.

"The simple difference between our 1999 team (3-8) and last year's team (7-5) was field goal kicking," he says. "Last year, we made nearly every kick, and the year before, we couldn't hit the broad side of a barn."

Cincinnati rode a strong running game and an NCAA-record 29 field goals to a second-place finish in Conference USA and a berth in the Motor City Bowl. The Bearcats were picked sixth in the conference prior to the season, but Minter did not see last year's group as an overachieving team.

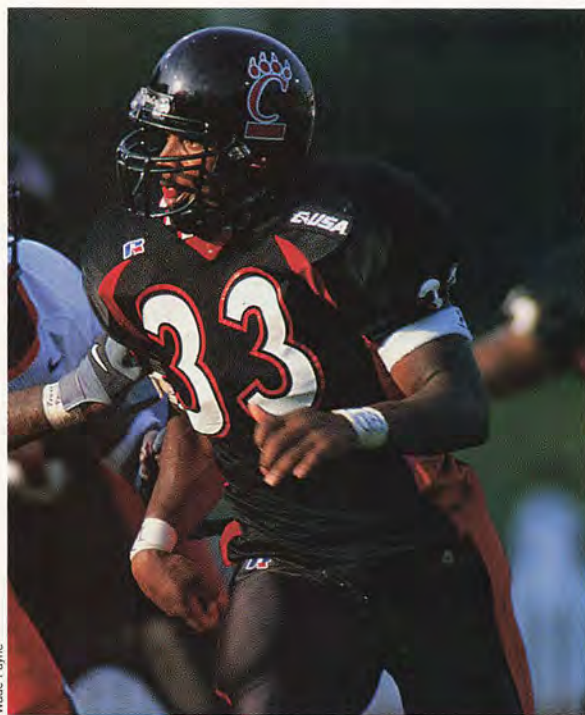
"We were a good, solid football team last year and we had high expectations," he says. "We were 3-4 at one point, but we circled the wagons. Hopefully, we will get to the point where we don't use the word 'upset' when we win. When we win, it will be because we were supposed to win."

It is hard to say how many Cincinnati is "supposed" to win this season. There are questions at quarterback, wide receiver and linebacker. The kicking game is very strong, however, and the Bearcats boast the top running back tandem in the league.

"We have to find a quarterback and be smart enough to rely on our strengths," Minter says. "If that is the running game, the kicking game and a solid defense, so be it."

quarterbacks

Cincinnati will be trying to replace Deontey Kenner, a three-year starter who accounted for 38 touchdowns (running and passing) in the past three seasons. The battle in the spring between senior Adam Hoover and junior John



Wade Payne

Ray Jackson

Post-Spring Analysis

9th C-USA

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Keys To A Winning Season

Cincinnati must find a capable signal-caller to complement its rushing attack. Defensively, some linebackers must emerge to back up a deep defensive line. The kicking game must continue to perform at a very high level.

Looking Ahead

S. 2	Purdue	L
S. 8	at Army	*
S. 15	UL-Monroe	W
S. 22	at Miami (Ohio)	*
O. 6	Tulane	*
O. 13	at UAB	L
O. 20	at Houston	*
O. 27	Louisville	L
N. 3	Connecticut	W
N. 10	East Carolina	L
N. 24	at Memphis	L

Key Players

QB	Gino Guidugli
RB	Ray Jackson
RB	Demarco McCleskey
WR	LaDaris Vann
T	Shawn Murphy
DL	Antwan Peek
CB	LaVar Glover
K	Jonathan Ruffin

Purdue will certainly test Cincinnati's six-game home winning streak. After the Boilermakers, however, the Bearcats' schedule is favorable. Cincinnati will miss league members Southern Miss and TCU. The home game with Tulane in early October could be the key to the season.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.
W or L indicates a projected win or loss.

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Leonard did not really settle the issue, though Leonard may have a slight lead heading into August drills.

The quarterback job, however, may go to incoming freshman Gino Guidugli, one of the school's most high-profile recruits in two decades. Guidugli, a first-team all-state quarterback from Ft. Thomas, Ky., threw for 4,367 yards last fall and 7,397 in his two-year varsity career.

He committed to play at Kentucky, but backed out after Wildcat head coach Hal Mumme resigned. He then chose Cincinnati over Notre Dame, much to the delight of Minter and the Bearcat coaching staff.

running backs

Minter says one of his coaching philosophies is that his team must be able to run the ball to be successful, and this year he will have a pair of very talented backs to live out his mantra.

Senior Ray Jackson and junior DeMarco McCleskey may be C-USA's best running back tandem.

Jackson, who transferred from Michigan following the 1998 season, led the team in rushing with 808 yards and six touchdowns last year. He was first-team All-C-USA and recorded four 100-yard rushing performances.

Splitting time with him will be McCleskey, who has been very productive in two seasons with the Bearcats. He finished 2000 with 500 yards despite sharing time and missing two games with a hamstring injury.

"You would have to say this is the strength of our offense at this point," Minter says.





Woody Payne

Antwan Peek

receivers

Cincinnati lost top target Antonio Chatman, plus contributors Jason Collins-Baker (32 catches) and Ashley Hunt (18).

The top playmaker for the Bearcats this season should be junior LaDaris Vann. He is an explosive athlete who may secure the role of punt returner as well.

Another junior, Tye Keith, will look to build on last season's 32 receptions. Senior Robert Drewery should round out Cincinnati's three wide-out attack.

34

The number of turnovers the Bearcats' defense forced last season, which was good for fourth in the nation.

offensive line

The Bearcats, with four starters returning, will field one of the top offensive lines in C-USA.

Still, tackles Shawn Murphy and Josh Gardner form the bookends of a unit that should be ready to handle the demands put upon it early in the season while the quarterback position matures.

Murphy started every game in 2000 after sitting out 1999 as a transfer from Michigan State. On the other side, Gardner has started all 23 games of his two-year UC career.



Left guard Kirt Doolin started six games a year ago and will be counted on this fall, as will right guard DeWayne Johnston, who has started 17 games in two seasons.

At center, Minter looks forward to seeing Josh Shneyderov step in for two-time first-team all-conference performer Doug Rosfeld.

defensive linemen

Minter is excited about the prospects of his defensive line, which returns three starters and will welcome a solid junior college transfer in August who is expected to step in and fill the fourth and final starting spot.

Juniors Derrick Adams and Antwan Peek and red-shirt freshman Andre Frazier will all see quality time at the two end spots. Adams is a two-year starter, but emerged from spring practice behind Peek on the depth chart. Peek will look to build on a season that saw him record a team-high 8.5 sacks.

At the defensive tackle slots, Kirk Thompson, who started all 12 games in 2000, and junior college transfer Matt Tupuola are expected to get the starting nods. The Bearcat staff has high hopes for the 6'2", 340-pound Tupuola.

There is a solid cast of reserves who will all play on the Bearcats' deep defensive line. "We are deep enough where we will be able to keep running people through to keep us fresh along the defensive line," Minter says.

linebackers

Cincinnati must replace all three starters at linebacker. The new group will be anchored by middle linebacker Lewis Carter, a senior who has seen some action. He started off in the secondary before moving to linebacker in 2000.

Outside of Carter will be senior Ken Wynne and junior Willis Edwards, who was moved from inside to outside to make room for Carter in the

RIISING STAR

Junior wide receiver **LaDaris Vann** will have to anchor an inexperienced receiving corps. Vann made four catches for 63 yards in the upset win over Syracuse. An exciting playmaker, Vann may be counted on for punt and kickoff returns as well.

middle.

Behind these three inexperienced starters is little depth. Junior college transfer Jason Hunt will arrive in August and look to battle for playing time.

defensive backs

Cincinnati is deep at cornerback; so deep in fact that Minter decided to move returning starter Ivan Fields from corner to free safety to plug a hole vacated by Freddy Smith. Fields will be joined at safety by Aaron Butler or Frank Lang, who spent last year backing up DeJuan Gossett.

On the corners, it will be returning starter LaVar Glover and junior Blue Adams, with sophomore Zach Norton and senior Anthony Thomas also in the mix.

specialists

Cincinnati has one of the top kicking games in the nation. Junior kicker Jonathan Ruffin won the Lou Groza Award last year as the nation's top placekicker after he nailed 26-of-29 field goal attempts.

In the punting department, senior Adam Wulfeck returns after being named second-team All-C-USA. He averaged 41.8 yards per punt, good for 22nd in the nation.

Outside the Huddle

Mr. Longevity Rick Minter is entering his eighth season as Cincinnati's head coach, which marks the longest tenure of any Bearcat mentor. Minter is second in career victories to Sid Gillman (1949-54).

It ain't over Cincinnati rallied to win in the fourth quarter four times last season, overcoming Army, Syracuse, Memphis and Southern Miss.

Clutch kicks Jason Mammarelli, who kicked just three field goals all season, hit one on the final play of regulation two weeks in a row. His first, a 47-yarder, defeated Syracuse 12-10 while his second, from 46, forced overtime at Wisconsin.

Protecting their turf The Bearcats installed a new playing surface in Nippert Stadium in 2000 — a new type of artificial turf that appears and feels more like natural grass. Cincinnati responded with a perfect home record for the first time since 1993.

Milestone moment When Cincinnati defeated No. 20 Southern Miss last season, it was just the second time in school history the Bearcats had defeated a ranked opponent.

If it weren't for bad luck... In the six OT games Cincinnati has played since 1996 (including one triple-OT), the Bearcats are 1-6 in the all-important coin toss. UC is 3-3 in those games.



2001 Cincinnati Roster

2000 Record:
C-USA Record:

7-5
5-2

Head Coach
Rick Minter

NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN	NO.	NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.	HOMETOWN
24	Adams, Blue	CB	5'10"	184	Jr.	Miami, FL	28	Lindsay, Kelton	FS	6'1"	195	So.	Lebanon, OH
93	Adams, Derrick	DE	6'0"	242	Jr.	Solon, OH	86	Louallen, Eric	DT	6'2"	293	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
51	Akorli, R	OL	6'3"	299	So.	Cincinnati, OH	89	Lucius, A.J.	TE	6'3"	241	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
76	Arszman, Nick	G	6'2"	266	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH	57	Masterson, Mark	LB	5'10"	222	Sr.	Westlake, OH
95	Billings, DeMarcus	DT	6'0"	259	Jr.	Atlanta, GA	31	McCleskey, DeMarco	RB	5'11"	216	Jr.	Claremore, OK
20	Butler, Aaron	SS	6'1"	187	Sr.	Houma, LA	65	Mercer, Matt	C	6'3"	305	Fr.	Villa Hills, KY
39	Carter, Lewis	LB	6'2"	230	Sr.	Columbus, OH	11	Miller, Jason	FS	6'3"	195	So.	Cincinnati, OH
74	Crawford, James	T	6'6"	310	So.	Beavercreek, OH	55	Murphy, Jamey	LB	6'2"	215	Fr.	Tallahassee, FL
63	Davis, Paris	OL	5'11"	317	Fr.	Washington, DC	78	Murphy, Shawn	T	6'4"	286	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
83	Deatherage, JR	TE	6'4"	238	Sr.	Novato, CA	47	Myers, Michael	WR	5'7"	181	So.	Hamilton, OH
72	Doolin, Kirt	G	6'4"	303	Jr.	Covington, KY	29	Norton, Zach	CB	6'0"	181	So.	Tallahassee, FL
8	Drewery, Robert	WR	6'0"	181	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA	84	Olinger, Jon	WR	6'3"	212	Jr.	Hazard, KY
80	Dunbar, Reuben	WR	5'9"	184	Jr.	Huber Heights, OH	56	Peek, Antwan	DE	6'2"	235	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
51	Edwards, Willis	LB	5'11"	227	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH	97	Piening, Ben	DE	6'5"	270	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
85	Elliott, Dante	DT	6'3"	262	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH	99	Ransom, Darryll	DE	6'1"	260	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
62	Enzor, Jamar	LB	6'1"	221	Fr.	Havana, FL	46	Reed, Detrick	LB	6'0"	238	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
53	Esche, Chad Vordem	LS	6'0"	208	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH	61	Rehfsuss, Chris	T	6'3"	286	Jr.	Union, KY
26	Fields, Ivan	DB	5'11"	182	Jr.	Hanceville, AL		Robledo, Ricardo	G	6'2"	270	Jr.	Wilmington, CA
73	Forrest, Ted	G	6'3"	291	Sr.	Houston, TX	16	Ruffin, Jonathan	K	5'10"	185	Jr.	Metairie, LA
91	Frazier, Andre	DT	6'5"	205	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH	69	Schlicher, Jeremy	OL	6'6"	300	Fr.	Marietta, OH
67	Gardner, Josh	T	6'4"	286	Jr.	Mason, OH	19	Sheridan, Solomon	WR	6'3"	198	Fr.	Westerville, OH
4	Glover, LaVar	QB	5'10"	178	Sr.	Dayton, OH	66	Shneyderov, Josh	C	6'2"	280	So.	Indianapolis, IN
18	Gonzalez, Luis	QB	6'2"	185	So.	Miami, FL	79	Shorter, Adam	T	6'6"	297	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
82	Hamilton, Joe	TE	6'2"	244	Sr.	Columbus, OH	9	Spencer, Charles	RB	5'9"	206	Sr.	Bradenton, FL
43	Harris, David	RB	5'10"	209	So.	Brunswick, OH	64	Steele, LeBaron	DL	6'0"	291	So.	Cincinnati, OH
38	Harrison, Joe	RB	5'11"	250	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH	77	Stickdorn, Clint	T	6'6"	274	Fr.	Baltimore, OH
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10	Hoover, Adam	QB	6'1"	201	Sr.	Corona, CA		Tupuola, Matt	DT	6'2"	340	Jr.	Carson, CA
31	Jackson, Jeremy	DB	5'10"	178	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH	45	Turner, Akanni	LB	6'1"	200	Fr.	Los Angeles, CA
1	Jackson, Jonathan	DB	5'10"	181	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH	6	Vann, LaDaris	WR	5'9"	193	Jr.	Ft. Pierce, FL
33	Jackson, Ray	RB	6'1"	216	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN	81	Walker, Tim	WR	5'11"	190	Sr.	Lexington, KY
35	Johnson, Rodney	RB	5'9"	194	Fr.	Lake City, FL	59	Wilson, Jermaine	LB	6'0"	209	Fr.	Tallahassee, FL
60	Johnston, DeWayne	G	6'1"	306	Sr.	Columbus, OH	32	Wize, Nathan	RB	5'6"	193	Sr.	Tucson, AZ
3	Keith, Tye	WR	5'8"	181	Jr.	College Park, GA	54	Wortman, Dan	DT	6'2"	276	Sr.	Mason, OH
41	Lally, Bryan	FS	6'0"	200	Fr.	Batavia, OH	14	Wulfbeck, Adam	P	6'0"	236	Sr.	Ft. Mitchell, KY
21	Lang, Frank	FS	5'10"	187	Jr.	Clearwater, FL	44	Wynne, Ken	LB	6'1"	225	Sr.	Louisville, KY
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2001 Signees

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Ryan Brown T 6'2" 290 Strongsville, OH
All-state pick. One of 22 players named to the Best of the Best squad by the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Sean Cahill OL/DL 6'3" 280 Columbus, OH
Second-team all-state. Had 90 tackles and 13 sacks last year. Benches 400 pounds.

Billy Faulkner QB 6'5" 185 Cynthiana, KY
Second-team all-state. Completed 152 of 280 passes for 2,803 yds. and 33 TDs in 2000.

Gino Guidugli QB 6'4" 205 Ft. Thomas, KY
Threw for 4,367 yards as a senior at Highlands HS. Named first-team all-state by the *Associated Press*.

Dennis Hart TE 6'3" 217 Harlem, FL
Second-team all-league at Compton (CA) CC. Caught 32 passes for 675 yds. and six TDs.

Jason Hunt LB 6'3" 230 Modesto, CA
A second-team JC All-America selection by *JC Gridwire*. Led Sacramento City College with 102 tackles in 2000.

Carl Jones WR 5'10" 180 Tampa, FL
Honorable mention all-state. Rushed 170 times for a school-record 1,441 yds. and 19 TDs in 2000.

Justin LaForgia WR/TE 6'5" 210 Rutherford, NJ
Second-team all-state. Rated the 19th best athlete in the east region by *SuperPrep*. Had 53 rec. in 2000.

Kenwood Lattimore QB 6'4" 208 Cincinnati, OH
All-league as a senior. Set several school passing marks en route to a 7-3 record and a league title.

Doug Monaghan DB 6'3" 200 Cincinnati, OH
All-state pick. Had 32 rec. for 750 yds. and 14 TDs last season. Also made 125 tackles with nine INTs.

George Murray QB 6'2" 190 Tallahassee, FL
District Offensive POY. Completed 63 of 107 passes for over 1,100 yds. as a senior.

Ricardo Robledo OL 6'2" 270 Wilmington, CA
Named first-team all-conference as a sophomore at Los Angeles Harbor JC. Played every offensive down in 2000.

Derick Ross WR 6'0" 175 Marion, OH
First-team all-conference. Caught 39 passes for 650 yds. and six TDs as a senior.

Matt Tupuola DL 6'2" 340 Carson, CA
First-team all-state at El Camino (CA) CC. Did not play in 2000. Had 66 tackles as a sophomore in 1999.

Matt Webster OL/DL 6'3" 260 Taylor Mill, KY
Second-team all-state honoree. Made 97 tackles with eight sacks as a senior.

Jamie Wimmer DL 6'4" 275 Avon, OH
Two-time all-state pick. Made 94 tackles as a senior, including 12 tackles for loss.

Joel Yacovac OL 6'3" 295 Mt. Lebanon, PA
First-team all-conference. Helped team to an 11-3 mark and a third-place finish in the state.

Jon Zwitt RB 6'1" 200 Greenwood, IN
All-state pick. Rushed 317 times for 2,526 yds. and 24 rushing TDs and 28 total TDs last season.

Depth Chart

Offense (6)

WR	6	LaDaris Vann (Jr., 2)	19	Daven Holly (Fr., 0)
LT	78	Shawn Murphy (Sr., 1)	77	Clint Stickdorn (Fr., 0)
LG	72	Kirt Doolin (Jr., 2)	73	Ted Forrest (Sr., 3)
C	66	Josh Shneyderov (So., 1)	65	Matt Mercer (Fr., 0)
RG	60	DeWayne Johnston (Sr., 2)		Ricardo Robledo (Jr., 0)
RT	67	Josh Gardner (Jr., 2)	69	Jeremy Schlicher (Fr., 0)
TE	83	JR Deatherage (Sr., 1)	89	A.J. Lucius (Fr., 0)
QB	11	John Leonard (Jr., 0)	10	Adam Hoover (Sr., 1)
RB	33	Ray Jackson (Sr., 1)	31	DeMarco McCleskey (Jr., 2)
WR	8	Robert Drewery (Sr., 1)	84	Jon Olinger (Jr., 2)
WR	3	Tye Keith (Jr., 2)	81	Tim Walker (Sr., 2)

Defense (5)

DE	56	Antwan Peek (Jr., 2)	93	Derrick Adams (Jr., 2)
DT		Matt Tupuola (Jr., 0)	54	Dan Wortman (Sr., 2)
DT	94	Kirk Thompson (Sr., 2)	95	DeMarcus Billings (Jr., 2)
DE	91	Andre Frazier (Fr., 0)	99	Darryll Ransom (Jr., 2)
LB	51	Willis Edwards (Jr., 2)	55	Jamey Murphy (Fr., 0)
LB	39	Lewis Carter (Sr., 3)	62	Jamar Enzor (Fr., 0)
LB	44	Ken Wynne (Sr., 2)	45	Akanni Turner (Fr., 0)
SS	20	Aaron Butler (Sr., 1)	21	Frank Lang (Jr., 2)
FS	26	Ivan Fields (Jr., 2)	23	John Hinson (So., 0)
CB	4	LaVar Glover (Sr., 3)	27	Anthony Thomas (Sr., 2)
CB	24	Blue Adams (Jr., 2)	29	Zach Norton (So., 1)

Special Teams

K	16	Jonathan Ruffin (Jr., 2)
P	14	Adam Wulfbeck (Sr., 3)
KR	9	Charles Spencer (Sr., 1)
PR	3	Tye Keith (Jr., 2)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Adam Hoover, 53-103-665-6, 3 TDs
Rushing: Ray Jackson, 201 car., 808 yds., 6 TDs
Receiving: Tye Keith, 32 rec., 452 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Jonathan Ruffin, 26 FGs, 26 XPs, 104 points
Punting: Adam Wulfbeck, 56 punts, 41.8 avg.
Kicking: Jonathan Ruffin, 26-29 FGs, 26-27 XPs,
Tackles: Ivan Fields, 43, 31 solo
Tackles for loss: Antwan Peek, 13 for 80 yds.
Sacks: Antwan Peek, 8.5
Interceptions: Anthony Thomas, 3 for 34 yds.
Kickoff returns: Charles Spencer, 7 ret., 26.3 avg.
Punt returns: none

2000 Results

S. 2	Army	W	23-17
S. 9	Syracuse	W	12-10
S. 16	at Wisconsin	L	25-28
S. 23	at Indiana	L	6-42
S. 30	at Tulane	L	19-24
O. 7	Houston	W	48-31
O. 14	at Louisville	L	24-38
O. 28	Miami (OH)	W	45-15
N. 4	UAB	W	33-21
N. 11	at Memphis	W	13-10
N. 18	Southern Miss	W	27-24
D. 27	Marshall#	L	14-25


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This is the time Bob Davie envisioned back when the questions surrounding the Notre Dame football program grew the loudest, when injuries reduced the '99 Fighting Irish to a collection of hobbling starters and overmatched reserves, when the Internet was producing a new head coach every week.

For the first time, Davie will lead a team with four classes recruited entirely under his leadership. A second straight BCS appearance would create the first back-to-back major bowl trips since 1994-95.

But there always seems to be that question mark at Notre Dame, and this year's question is this: Did last year's effort demonstrate how far the Irish have come? Or was the 41-9 Fiesta Bowl loss to Oregon State evidence of how far they have to go?

quarterbacks

On signing day in 2000, his name was probably the least scrutinized on Notre Dame's list. Matt LoVecchio's verbal commitment to the Irish seemed to have taken place when John Huarte was running the Irish. But by the end of LoVecchio's freshman year, his record-setting reliability had come to symbolize his team's sure-handed approach.

LoVecchio's interception percentage of .0080 (1 in 125 passes) set a school record, and his completion percentage of .584 was the fourth-best in Irish history. He became the first Notre Dame quarterback since Kevin McDougal in 1993 to lead his team to victories in his first seven regular-season starts.

With senior Arnaz Battle, the one-time ND quarterback of the future, having moved to flanker, LoVecchio would seem to have the quarterback job locked up for 2001. But LoVecchio shared practice time during the spring with two other sopho-



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Keys to a BCS Bowl

The one-sided loss to Oregon State in the Fiesta Bowl may have created a political roadblock as serious as any obstacle the Irish will face on the field. Notre Dame, which would have gone to the Insight.com bowl with a 9-2 record had Kansas State defeated Oklahoma in the Big 12 championship game, may have to win 10 games — in a schedule that includes Nebraska and Tennessee — to secure a BCS spot this time.

Looking Ahead

S. 8 at Nebraska	L
S. 15 at Purdue	*
S. 22 Michigan State	W
S. 29 at Texas A&M	W
O. 6 Pittsburgh	W
O. 13 West Virginia	W
O. 20 USC	W
O. 27 at Boston College	W
N. 3 Tennessee	*
N. 17 Navy	W
N. 24 at Stanford	W

Key Players

QB	Matt LoVecchio
RB	Julius Jones
RB	Tony Fisher
WR	David Givens
WR	Arnaz Battle
DE	Grant Irons
DE	Anthony Weaver
LB	Rocky Boiman
K	Nick Setta

The Irish will know where they stand by the end of September. They open at Nebraska, 52 weeks after the Huskers won in OT at South Bend. Then Purdue, a minefield in the Davie era.

*Games in **bold** represent games crucial to the season.

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mores, Jared Clark and Carlyle Holiday, who have yet to take a snap in a college game. One hint as the Irish choose a starter before the season opener at Nebraska: Davie has emphasized that you cannot replace experience.

running backs

The success of Notre Dame's approach may hinge on the health and reliability of its tailbacks. Junior Julius Jones and seniors Tony Fisher and Terrance Howard combined for 1,688 rushing yards in 2000 and produced six games with 96 or more yards. Each of the three has been limited by injuries. Fisher, who is coming back from shoulder surgery, and Jones were held out of spring practice. Jones has been regarded as an impact player since the preseason camp in his freshman year, and his 657 rushing yards last season represented a fraction of his influence.

Seniors Tom Lopienski, Jason Murray and Mike McNair, who have had to deal with high expectations and injuries during their careers, will work at fullback. The importance of the running game became clear as the team's stakes rose. Long before the Fiesta Bowl, the inability of the Irish to establish a consistent rushing game became the first hint of trouble.

receivers

The most intriguing member of the wide receiver group is Battle, who was seen as the successor to Jarious Jackson at the QB position from the time he first worked with the freshmen in 1998. That is what happened — until Battle's second start, against Nebraska, when he fractured his left wrist on the first play, finished the overtime loss, underwent surgery and

Peter Brouillet



Matt LoVecchio



Tony Fisher

missed the rest of the season. When the Irish prepared for the bowl game, Battle was working with the receivers.

He has joined a group with David Givens and Javin Hunter, whose glimpses of big-play ability make them capable of career-defining years. The tight ends are led by John Owens, who toiled on defense last year, and Gary Godsey, a former quarterback.

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Completed passes thrown by non-quarterbacks on the 2001 Irish roster (Arnaz Battle 28, Gary Godsey 19, David Givens 2, Nick Setta 1). Irish QBs other than Matt LoVecchio completed none.

offensive linemen

Those young players rushed into games because of the attrition of 1999 have grown into the most stable offensive line unit of Davie's five seasons as head coach. Tackles Jordan Black and Kurt Vollers have started a total of 36 games, and 6'8", 315-pound Brennan Curtin will provide depth at the position. Guards competing for the vacated starting spots include seniors John Teasdale, Sean Mahan and Ryan Scarola, and juniors Sean Milligan and Ryan Gillis. Teasdale started the entire 1999 campaign at right tackle. Junior Jeff Faine started all 12 games at center last season and played every offensive snap in seven games.

defensive linemen

The return of end Grant Irons after shoulder surgery prematurely ended his junior year adds to the impact of an experienced unit. End Anthony Weaver, whose eight sacks led the Irish last season, has started 30 games in his three years. Ryan Roberts became a reliable contributor last season.

Andy Wisne and Cedric Hilliard will compete for the nose guard spot. Tackle Darrell Campbell is expected to produce a breakthrough season, and highly regarded sophomore Greg Pauly is returning from knee surgery.

linebackers

Rocky Boiman has emerged as an emotional leader and difference-making

pass rusher. Tyreo Harrison offers experience on the inside. But several of the most influential players could be those who saw little or no action last season. Carlos Pierre-Antoine has shown hints of the ability that made him an important part of the 1998 freshman class. Jerome Collins, a 6'4", 231-pound outside linebacker, produced a 40-yard dash time of 4.6 seconds. On the inside, sophomore Mike Goolsby has already displayed a swagger reminiscent of the championship-era defenders of the 1980s, and Corey Mays is one of the nation's top recruits.

defensive backs

The health and progress of the Irish cornerbacks, once a glaring problem, could be a decisive factor. Shane Walton, a former walk-on who switched from soccer to football two years ago, has grown into an experienced defender. Clifford Jefferson, a starter two seasons ago, was considered recovered from the ankle problems of last year. Jason Beckstrom missed spring practice because of surgery on his left shoulder. Vontez Duff has impressed

RISING STAR

Greg Pauly's freshman season ended before it began, when knee surgery halted his progress. But the defensive lineman, an important part of the 2000 recruiting class, was running at full speed early in spring practice and is expected to be ready.

coaches with his speed and aggressiveness.

Ron Israel leads a group of five safeties that will compete for playing time. Glenn Earl's blocked field goal attempt late in the fourth quarter of an overtime victory over Air Force made the Fiesta Bowl bid a possibility. Promising junior Gerome Sapp moved from free safety to strong safety during the spring.

specialists

Once an area of consistent problems and concerns, the special teams units should again be a strength. Nick Setta became the second placekicker in 10 seasons to lead Notre Dame in scoring. His 38-yard field goal beat Purdue on the final play and gave the Irish a chance to survive the first month of the season. Punter Joey Hildbold averaged 40.93 yards last season, leading the Irish to a No. 10 ranking in net punting.

Jones ranked fourth nationally in kickoff returns with an average of 28.47 yards; his career total of 1,030 kickoff return yards already ranks fifth in school history.

Outside the Huddle

Revolving door The Irish replaced three assistant coaches during the off-season. Joker Phillips, the receivers coach, came from the University of Minnesota. David Lockwood, the cornerbacks coach, was at West Virginia last season. Bill Sheridan, who will coach safeties and special teams, had been at Michigan State.

Taking on the Terps Formalizing a commitment made several years ago, Notre Dame agreed to meet Maryland in the 2002 Kickoff Classic at Giants Stadium in the Meadowlands. The contest is expected to be the last in a series started in 1983.

Happy returns If Julius Jones gains 584 yards in kickoff returns — 19 less than the total from his freshman season in 1999 — he will surpass the school record of 1,613 set by Heisman Trophy winner Tim Brown.

Another vote of confidence? Bob Davie's contract extension through the 2005 season, announced last December and executed by athletic director Kevin White, was his second in 17 months.

Subplots aplenty Notre Dame's schedule, as always, presents some interesting matchups. In September, the Irish will have to deal with the noise produced by the 12th Man at Texas A&M's Kyle Field, where Davie was once defensive coordinator. Then, in November, Notre Dame welcomes Tennessee to South Bend. The last time the Vols ventured under the shadow of Touchdown Jesus, in 1991, they pulled off a miracle of their own, a 35-34 comeback win that wasn't sealed until Tennessee blocked a potential game-winning field goal on the final play.

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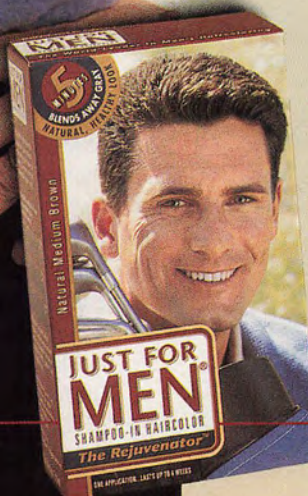
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2000 Record: 9-3

Head Coach
Bob Davie

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7	Holiday, Carlyle	QB	6'3"	203	So.	San Antonio, TX
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A two-year, two-way starter for Marquette HS. Recorded more than 100 tackles and had 15 sacks as a senior.				
Lionel Bolen	CB	6'1"	185	Westhampton, NJ
Ranked one of the No. 33 CB in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Recorded 50 tackles and intercepted four passes on defense and threw for more than 900 yds. and eight TDs at quarterback.				
Quentin Burrell	DB	6'1"	185	Dacula, GA
Ranked one of the Top 25 players in the state by <i>SuperPrep</i> . Recorded 90 tackles as a senior at Georgia power Southwest DeKalb HS.				
Carlos Campbell	WR	6'1"	190	Hampton, VA
Ranked the No. 26 WR in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> and the top prospect in Virginia by Tom Lemming. Caught 31 passes for 812 yds. and 12 TDs as a junior in 1999.				
Dwight Ellick	CB	5'11"	170	Tampa, FL
Rushed for 947 yds. as a junior and had more than 500 receiving yds. as a senior. Recorded 70 tackles and had four interceptions in 2000.				
Zachary Gilles	OL	6'4"	285	Marshfield, MA
Ranked the No. 13 OL in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . A member of the <i>Dallas Morning News</i> and <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> national Top 100 list. A first-team all-state pick by the <i>Boston Globe</i> and the <i>Boston Herald</i> .				
Ryan Grant	RB	6'1"	198	Ramsey, NJ
Named the New Jersey Player of the Year by <i>USA Today</i> and the Northeast Offensive Player of the Year by <i>SuperPrep</i> . Rushed for 1,963 yds. and 26 TDs as a senior.				
Brandon Hoyte	LB	6'0"	219	Parlin, NJ
Ranked the No. 64 LB in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Named the state's Defensive Player of the Year by the <i>Newark Star-Ledger</i> .				
Corey Jones	RB	6'2"	215	Seattle, WA
Ranked the No. 3 prospect in Washington by <i>SuperPrep</i> . Rushed for 1,441 yds. and 25 TDs and caught 20 passes for 454 yds. as a senior.				
Mark LeVoi	TE	6'7"	310	Eden Prairie, MN
Earned first-team All-America honors from <i>USA Today</i> . Ranked the No. 49 prospect in the nation by <i>CNN</i> . Credited with 156 pancake blocks as a senior.				
Corey Mays	LB	6'1"	234	Chicago, IL
A second-team <i>USA Today</i> All-America selection. Ranked the No. 28 LB in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> and the No. 54 prospect on the <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> national Top 100 list.				
Darin Mitchell	OL	6'4"	285	Jonesboro, GA
A first-team Class AAAA all-state pick by the <i>Atlanta Journal-Constitution</i> . Ranked the No. 21 prospect in Georgia by <i>SuperPrep</i> .				
Rashon Powers-Neal	LB	6'3"	215	St. Paul, MN
Set a state record with 29 rushing TDs in 2000. Added eight receiving TDs and rushed for nearly 2,000 yds. Ranked the No. 48 RB in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> , but is expected to play LB in college.				
Matt Root	TE	6'6"	225	Tallahassee, FL
Ranked the No. 29 prospect in Florida by <i>SuperPrep</i> . Caught 17 passes for 271 yds. and two TDs as a senior.				
Matt Shelton	WR	6'1"	170	Collierville, TN
Missed half of his senior season due to a knee injury. Ranked the No. 99 WR in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> . Finished his junior season with 1,212 all-purpose yds.				
Dan Stevenson	OL	6'5"	300	Barrington, IL
A <i>Parade</i> All-America pick. Ranked the No. 24 OL in the nation by <i>Rivals.com</i> and the No. 95 overall prospect on the <i>Chicago Sun-Times</i> national Top 100 list.				
Jeff Thompson	DL	6'5"	265	Granger, IN
Ranked No. 17 on the <i>CBS.sportsline.com</i> Midwest Region Super 30 team. Recorded 92 tackles and three sacks as a senior.				
Justin Tuck	OL	6'5"	215	Kellyton, AL
Named the Alabama Class 4A Player of the Year after recording 167 tackles and nine sacks as a senior. Ranked the No. 15 prospect in Alabama by <i>SuperPrep</i> .				
Marcus Wilson	RB	5'11"	180	Staten Island, NY
Rushed for 1,712 yds. and 25 TDs as a senior. Recorded 70 tackles with six interceptions as a DB. Ranked the No. 10 prospect in NY by <i>SuperPrep</i> .				

Depth Chart

Offense (7)

SE	21	Javin Hunter (Sr., 2)	18	Ronnie Rodamer (So., 0)
LT	78	Jordan Black (Sr., 2)	63	Brennan Curtin (Jr., 1)
LG	79	Sean Mahan (Sr., 2)	67	Ryan Gillis (Jr., 0)
C	52	Jeff Faine (Jr., 1)	66	J.W. Jordan (Sr., 1)
RG	76	John Teasdale (Sr., 3)	65	Sean Milligan (Jr., 0)
RT	75	Kurt Vollers (Sr., 2)	62	Casey Robin (Sr., 2)
TE	84	John Owens (Sr., 3)	14	Gary Godsey (Jr., 1)
FL	6	David Givens (Sr., 3)	3	Arnaz Battle (Sr., 3)
QB	10	Matt LoVecchio (So., 1)	7	Carlyle Holiday (So., 0)
FB	36	Tom Lopianski (Sr., 2)	40	Jason Murray (Sr., 2)
TB	22	Julius Jones (Jr., 2)	12	Tony Fisher (Sr., 3)

Defense (6)

LE	98	Anthony Weaver (Sr., 3)	48	Kyle Budinscak (So., 0)
DT	60	Darrell Campbell (Jr., 1)	77	Greg Pauly (So., 0)
NT	94	Andy Wisne (Sr., 2)	50	Cedric Hilliard (Jr., 0)
RE	44	Grant Irons (Sr., 4)	95	Ryan Roberts (Sr., 2)
SLB	51	Tyreo Harrison (Sr., 2)	2	Carlos Pierre-Antoine (Sr., 1)
WLB	33	Courtney Watson (Sr., 1)	41	Mike Goolsby (So., 1)
OLB	30	Rocky Boiman (Sr., 3)	81	Jerome Collins (So., 0)
LCB	9	Jason Beckstrom (Jr., 2)	34	Vontez Duff (So., 1)
RCB	42	Shane Walton (Sr., 2)	15	Clifford Jefferson (Sr., 2)
SS	20	Gerome Sapp (Jr., 2)	5	Ron Israel (Sr., 3)
FS	16	Abram Elam (So., 0)	28	Donald Dykes (Sr., 2)

Special Teams

K	13	Nick Setta (Jr., 1)
P	17	Joey Hildbold (Jr., 2)
KR	22	Julius Jones (Jr., 2)
PR	22	Julius Jones (Jr., 2)

(#) indicates number of returning starters
BOLD indicates returning starters
Number after class indicates letters won

Returning Leaders

Passing: Matt LoVecchio, 73-125-980-1, 11 TDs
Rushing: Julius Jones, 162 car., 657 yds., 7 TDs
Receiving: David Givens, 25 rec., 310 yds., 2 TDs
Scoring: Nick Setta, 8 FGs, 44 XPs, 74 points
Punting: Joey Hildbold, 60 punts, 40.9 avg.
Kicking: Nick Setta, 8-14 FGs, 44-45 XPs
Tackles: Rocky Boiman, 58, 31 solo
Tackles for loss: Anthony Weaver, 13 for 51 yds.
Sacks: Anthony Weaver, 8
Interceptions: Ron Israel, 3 for 41 yds.
Kickoff returns: Julius Jones, 15 ret., 28.5 avg.
Punt returns: Julius Jones, 4 ret., 8.8 avg.

2000 Results

S. 2	Texas A&M	W	24-10
S. 9	Nebraska	L	24-27
S.16	Purdue	W	23-21
S.23	at Michigan State	L	21-27
O. 7	Stanford	W	20-14
O.14	Navy@	W	45-14
O.21	at West Virginia	W	42-28
O.28	Air Force	W	34-31
N.11	Boston College	W	28-16
N.18	at Rutgers	W	45-17
N.25	at USC	W	38-21
J. 1	Oregon State#	L	9-41
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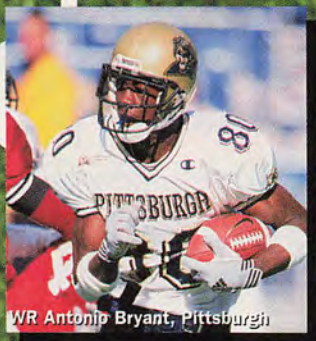
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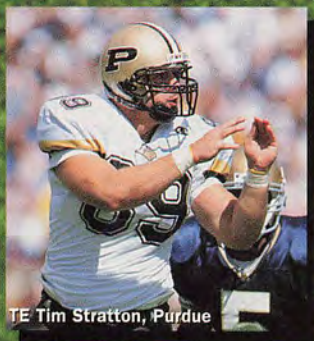
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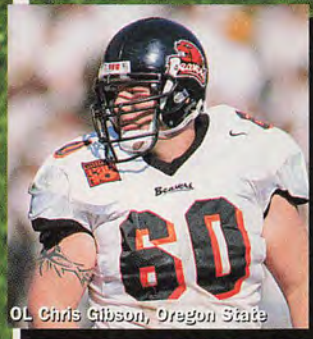
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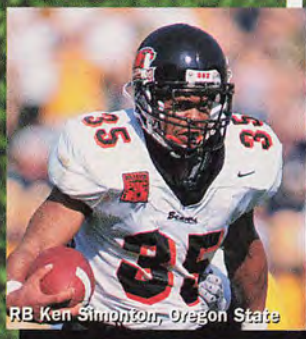
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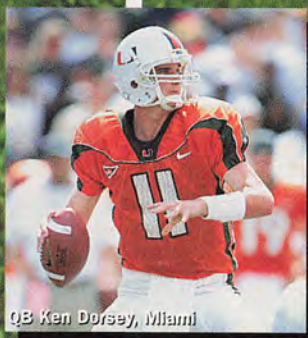
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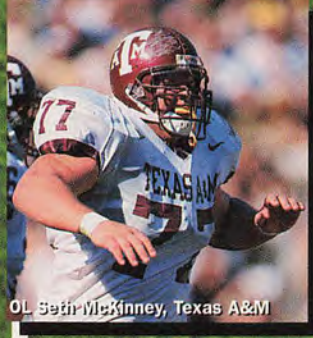
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QB Ken Dorsey, Miami



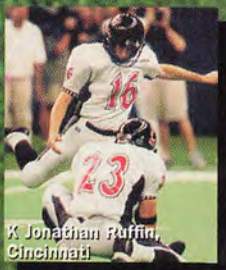
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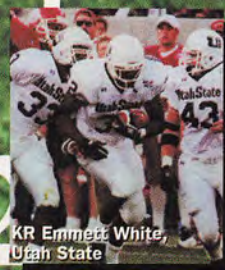
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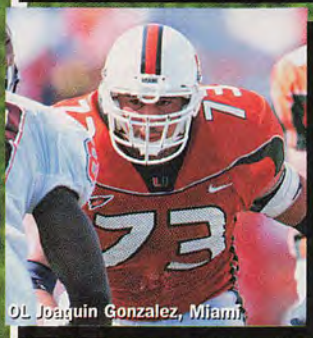
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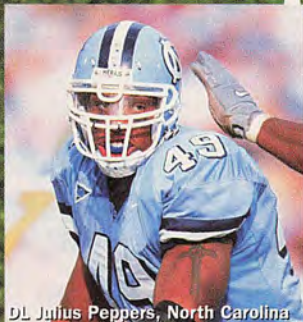
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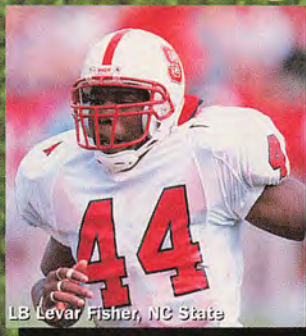
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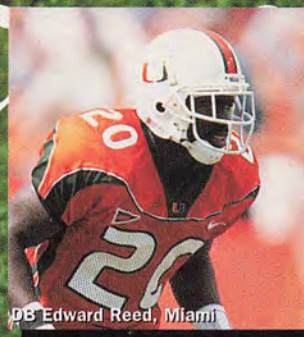
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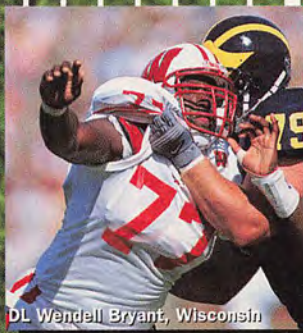
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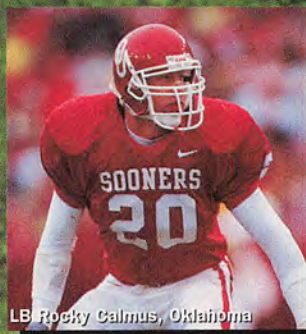
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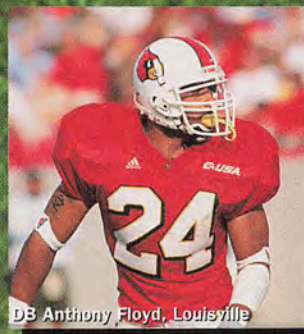
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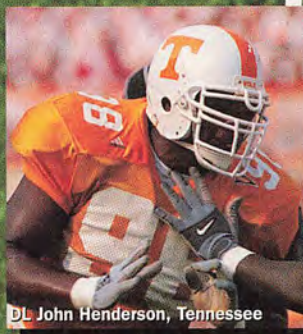
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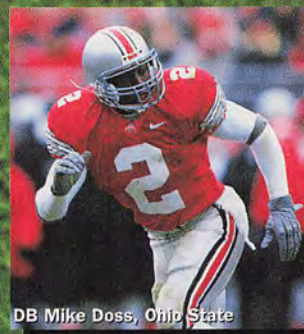
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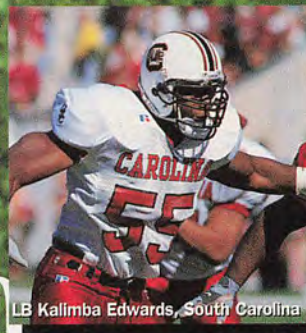
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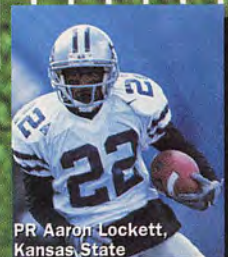
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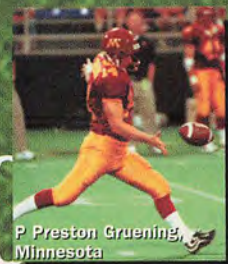
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DB Lito Sheppard, Florida



PR Aaron Lockett, Kansas State



P Preston Gruening, Minnesota



All-American TEAM

RUNNING BACK

Ken Simonton Senior
Oregon State 5'8" 191

In 2001 Simonton has the opportunity to become only the fifth player in NCAA history — and the first in the Pac-10 — to rush for 1,000 yards or more in each of his four seasons. He has run for more yards (4,073) and scored more points (312) than any other player in Oregon State history. In 2000, he ran for 1,474 yards at 5.5 per carry with 18 touchdowns, and finished ninth in Heisman Trophy voting.

RUNNING BACK

Damien Anderson Senior
Northwestern 5'11" 204

The nation's top returning Heisman vote-getter, Anderson finished second in the nation in rushing with 1,914 yards. He averaged 6.5 yards per carry, ran for 22 touchdowns, and in 293 attempts did not fumble once. He set a Big Ten record of 1,549 rushing yards in conference games, and he did it in 54 fewer carries than the old record-holder, Michigan State's Lorenzo White in 1985.

KICKER

Jonathan Ruffin
Junior
Cincinnati

Ruffin took home the 2000 Groza Award as the nation's top kicker. He made good on a Bearcat record 26 of his 29 field goal attempts, including 2-of-3 from 40 yards and out.

KICK RETURNER

Emmett White
Senior
Utah State

White led the nation in all-purpose running with 238.9 yards per game — 39 yards more than his nearest competitor. He rushed for 1,322 yards and averaged 24.1 yards on 22 kick returns.

WIDE RECEIVER

Antonio Bryant Junior
Pittsburgh 6'2" 185

Bryant won the Biletnikoff Award as the nation's best receiver as a sophomore in 2000. He caught 68 passes, 11 of them for scores, and averaged 19.1 yards per catch. He ranked third nationally and set a Big East record with 1,302 receiving yards, and his 130.2-yards-pergame average led the nation. He caught passes for over 100 yards in six different games and had eight catches of 50 or more yards.

TIGHT END

Tim Stratton Senior
Purdue 6'4" 258

Stratton won the inaugural John Mackey Award as the nation's top tight end in 2000. His season totals included 58 catches for 605 yards and two touchdowns. He was instrumental in Purdue's 31-27 win over Ohio State last year, posting a career-high 12 receptions in the contest. He has scored 13 TDs on 145 career catches, and has been a first-team All-Big Ten selection for the last two seasons.

QUARTERBACK

Ken Dorsey Junior
Miami 6'5" 210

A pure dropback passer in the classic Miami mold, Dorsey was awarded first-team All-Big East honors for 2000. During the regular season, he completed 188-of-322 passes (58.4 percent) for 2,737 yards and 25 touchdowns with only five interceptions. He followed that up with a Nokia Sugar Bowl MVP performance of 22-for-40, 270 yards and three TDs in Miami's 37-20 win over Florida.

WIDE RECEIVER

Jabar Gaffney Sophomore
Florida 6'1" 202

Gaffney nabbed 71 receptions for 1,184 yards and 14 touchdowns as a redshirt freshman last season. Those yardage and touchdown numbers are new NCAA Division I-A freshman records. He had six straight games with 100-plus yards and eight straight games with a TD catch. He was voted team MVP, and was a consensus All-SEC pick as well as conference Freshman of the Year.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Bryant McKinnie Senior
Miami 6'9" 330

Despite having played just four seasons of organized football, McKinnie was voted first-team All-Big East by the league's coaches in 2000 after not allowing a sack through the entire campaign. That includes a 38-pass play battle with Jamal Reynolds in Miami's 27-24 victory over Florida State. He is extremely athletic for a player his size, and his long wing span is invaluable at his left tackle position.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Chris Gibson Senior
Oregon State 6'3" 279

Gibson has established himself as the premier center in the Pac-10 after a consensus all-conference performance in 2000. Somewhat smallish compared to other Pac-10 offensive linemen, Gibson succeeds with quickness and leverage, and his toughness is unquestioned. While playing against Stanford on a badly sprained ankle, he caught a deflected pass and now has a four-yard reception to his name.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Seth McKinney Senior
Texas A&M 6'3" 302

McKinney has been the anchor of the Texas A&M offensive line for three straight years. He called signals for last year's unit that allowed just 10 sacks in the second-most pass plays in school history. But McKinney's forte is run blocking. He has started every game — 38 straight — since redshirting in 1997. A Freshman All-American in '98, he was named first-team All-Big 12 for his dominant play last season.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Toniu Fonoti Junior
Nebraska 6'4" 340

The only first-year starter on Nebraska's offensive line in 2000, Fonoti set a new school record with an average of 14.1 pancake blocks per game, shattering the old mark of 11.7 set by Dominic Raiola in 1999, despite playing the last three games with a broken hand. With Fonoti at right guard, Nebraska won yet another rushing title, averaging 349 yards per game at six yards per carry.

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

Joaquin Gonzalez Senior
Miami 6'5" 290

Gonzalez teams with McKinnie to give the Hurricanes one of the best offensive tackle tandems ever to play the game. A 4.0 high school student, Gonzalez came to Miami on an academic scholarship, walked on as a freshman and has now started 35 straight games. He has allowed just two sacks over the last 23 contests, but he may be even better in run-blocking.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Julius Peppers Junior
North Carolina 6'6" 270

Before averaging seven points and four rebounds for the 2000-01 North Carolina basketball team, Peppers established himself as college football's best defensive end. He landed on the All-ACC first team after leading the nation in sacks with 15, one shy of Lawrence Taylor's school record of 16 set in 1980. He also racked up 24 tackles for a loss, a new Tar Heel record and third-most in the nation.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Wendell Bryant Senior
Wisconsin 6'4" 293

The Big Ten's co-Defensive Lineman of the Year, Bryant managed six sacks despite a steady diet of double-team blocking. He has recorded sacks in each of his three bowl appearances. Of his 48 tackles, nearly one in four were made behind the line, and he recorded two or more tackles for loss in three games last year. He has tipped eight pass attempts at the line in his career.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

John Henderson Senior
Tennessee 6'7" 290

Henderson is the proud possessor of one of the most prestigious pieces of hardware in college football — the 2000 Outland Trophy. With Henderson at left tackle, the Volunteers finished third nationally in run defense at 74.3 yards per game. He amassed 71 tackles, forced four fumbles, recovered three, led the SEC in sacks with 12 and was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year.

DEFENSIVE LINEMAN

Larry Tripplett Senior
Washington 6'1" 300

Tripplett has started every game on the Husky defense over the last two seasons. The first-team All-Pac-10 performer blocked three kicks last year, including a field goal attempt in UW's win over Miami. He sacked Colorado quarterback Bobby Pesavento three times and batted down a fourth-quarter Drew Brees pass in the Huskies' 34-24 Rose Bowl win over Purdue.

LINEBACKER

Levar Fisher Senior
NC State 6'1" 229

After leading the nation in tackles last year with 166 (15.1 per game), Fisher was named ACC Defensive Player of the Year. In 11 games last fall, he collected 15 tackles for a loss and five sacks, forced five fumbles and recovered three, broke up eight passes and intercepted one. He has started 31 straight games for the Wolfpack, and his 344 career tackles rank seventh in school history.

LINEBACKER

Rocky Calmus Senior
Oklahoma 6'3" 234

Calmus is next in line for the Butkus Award, presented to the nation's best linebacker, after finishing last season as runner-up. He was the heart and soul of an Oklahoma defense that finished eighth nationally in total defense at 278.9 yards per game and held the Florida State offense scoreless in the Orange Bowl. Of his team-high 128 tackles, 17 were for a loss. He forced three fumbles and recovered three.

LINEBACKER

Kalimba Edwards Senior
South Carolina 6'6" 260

Edwards was shifted from defensive end to linebacker during 2000 spring drills and ended the season first-team All-SEC. He finished the year with 74 tackles, 11 for a loss, and seven sacks. Against Tennessee he compiled 10 tackles and returned an interception 81 yards for a touchdown. In his team's 24-7 Outback Bowl win over Ohio State, Edwards contributed three sacks and three tackles for a loss.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Edward Reed Senior
Miami 6'0" 190

A consensus All-American in 2000, Reed has been a starter for his entire Miami career. He is just as strong in run support as he is in pass coverage. His career ledger shows 22 tackles for a loss and 12 interceptions. Eight of those picks came last year, and he ran two of them back for touchdowns. He led the Big East in pass breakups last fall with 23. His special teams exploits include three career blocked kicks.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Anthony Floyd Junior
Louisville 5'10" 190

Floyd moved from cornerback to free safety in the spring of 2000 and set a new Conference USA record with 10 interceptions during the season, tying him for the NCAA lead. He picked off three passes, the first of which he returned for a touchdown, in Louisville's 49-28 victory over Southern Miss. He also recovered two fumbles last fall and notched a team-high 11 tackles in the Liberty Bowl.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Mike Doss Junior
Ohio State 5'11" 190

Doss was a consensus All-Big Ten selection in 2000, his first year as a starter, after pacing the Buckeyes in tackles with 94, including 73 solo stops. He posted 13 tackles for a loss, three sacks, three interceptions, six pass breakups and three fumble recoveries. He returned two fumbles for touchdowns, including one on a 73-yard return in his team's 27-13 win over Michigan State.

DEFENSIVE BACK

Lito Sheppard Junior
Florida 5'10" 194

Sheppard broke onto the scene as the best cornerback in the Southeastern Conference last season as a sophomore. The consensus All-SEC choice intercepted six passes to tie for tops in the league, returning one for a touchdown, and registered 40 tackles for the year. He also ran back two punts for scores, leading the SEC in that category, and averaged 23 yards on 13 kickoff returns.

PUNT RETURNER

Aaron Lockett Senior
Kansas State

Lockett led the nation in punt return average at 22.8 yards. He returned three for touchdowns, including two in back-to-back games and the first ever in a Big 12 title game.

PUNTER

Preston Gruening Junior
Minnesota

A Ray Guy Award finalist in 2000, Gruening led the nation with a 45.2-yard average. He punted 17 times for 50 yards or more, and 17 of his punts came down inside the 20.



FIRST TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Antonio Bryant	6'2"	185	Jr.	Pittsburgh
WR	Jabar Gaffney	6'1"	202	So.	Florida
TE	Tim Stratton	6'4"	258	Sr.	Purdue
OL	Bryant McKinnie	6'9"	330	Sr.	Miami
OL	Chris Gibson	6'3"	279	Sr.	Oregon State
OL	Seth McKinney	6'3"	302	Sr.	Texas A&M
OL	Toniui Fonoti	6'4"	340	Jr.	Nebraska
OL	Joaquin Gonzalez	6'5"	290	Sr.	Miami
QB	Ken Dorsey	6'5"	210	Jr.	Miami
RB	Damien Anderson	5'11"	204	Sr.	Northwestern
RB	Ken Simonton	5'8"	191	Sr.	Oregon State

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LB	Kalimba Edwards	6'6"	260	Sr.	South Carolina
DB	Edward Reed	6'0"	190	Sr.	Miami
DB	Anthony Floyd	5'10"	190	Jr.	Louisville
DB	Mike Doss	5'11"	190	Jr.	Ohio State
DB	Lito Sheppard	5'10"	194	Jr.	Florida

P	Preston Gruening	5'10"	204	Jr.	Minnesota
PR	Aaron Lockett	5'7"	165	Sr.	Kansas State

SECOND TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Ron Johnson	6'3"	216	Sr.	Minnesota
WR	Roy Williams	6'5"	210	So.	Texas
TE	Tracey Wistrom	6'5"	240	Sr.	Nebraska
OL	Mike Pearson	6'7"	292	Jr.	Florida
OL	Doug Kaufusi	6'6"	308	Sr.	Utah
OL	Kendall Simmons	6'3"	319	Sr.	Auburn
OL	Terrence Metcalf	6'3"	315	Sr.	Ole Miss
OL	Brett Williams	6'6"	315	Jr.	Florida State
QB	George Godsey	6'2"	205	Sr.	Georgia Tech
RB	Lee Suggs	6'0"	204	Jr.	Virginia Tech
RB	Deonce Whitaker	5'6"	180	Sr.	San Jose St.

SPECIALISTS

K	Ryan Cesca	5'8"	167	Jr.	Oregon State
KR	Julius Jones	5'10"	201	Jr.	Notre Dame

DEFENSE

DL	Alex Brown	6'3"	264	Sr.	Florida
DL	Greg Gathers	6'1"	260	Jr.	Georgia Tech
DL	David Pugh	6'3"	271	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DL	Anthony Weaver	6'3"	276	Sr.	Notre Dame
LB	Larry Foote	6'1"	228	Sr.	Michigan
LB	Saleem Rasheed	6'3"	227	Jr.	Alabama
LB	Ben Taylor	6'2"	235	Sr.	Virginia Tech
DB	Sheldon Brown	5'10"	190	Sr.	South Carolina
DB	Ramon Walker	6'0"	195	Jr.	Pittsburgh
DB	Pig Prather	6'2"	195	Sr.	Mississippi St.
DB	Rashad Bauman	5'8"	175	Sr.	Oregon

P	Damon Duval	6'0"	184	Jr.	Auburn
PR	André Davis	6'1"	194	Sr.	Virginia Tech

THIRD TEAM

OFFENSE

WR	Kelly Campbell	5'11"	170	Sr.	Georgia Tech
WR	Josh Reed	5'11"	198	Jr.	LSU
TE	Jerramy Stevens	6'7"	260	Jr.	Washington
OL	Chris Fe'esago	6'3"	328	Sr.	San Jose St.
OL	Scott Peters	6'3"	290	Sr.	Arizona State
OL	Kyle Young	6'3"	277	Sr.	Clemson
OL	Andre Gurode	6'4"	320	Sr.	Colorado
OL	Cedric Williams	6'3"	295	Jr.	South Carolina
QB	Joey Harrington	6'4"	220	Sr.	Oregon
RB	T.J. Duckett	6'2"	252	Jr.	Michigan St.
RB	William Green	6'1"	215	Jr.	Boston College

SPECIALISTS

K	Alex Walls	6'1"	175	Jr.	Tennessee
KR	LaTarence Dunbar	5'11"	192	Jr.	TCU

DEFENSE

DL	Bryan Knight	6'2"	230	Sr.	Pittsburgh
DL	Dwight Freeney	6'1"	245	Sr.	Syracuse
DL	Terrell Suggs	6'5"	240	So.	Arizona State
DL	Andre Arnold	6'4"	238	Sr.	Memphis
LB	Josh Thornhill	6'2"	234	Sr.	Michigan St.
LB	Mario Haggan	6'3"	253	Jr.	Mississippi St.
LB	Lance Briggs	6'1"	230	Jr.	Arizona
DB	Kevin Thomas	5'11"	180	Sr.	UNLV
DB	Quentin Jammer	6'1"	198	Sr.	Texas
DB	Roy Williams	6'0"	221	Jr.	Oklahoma
DB	Mike Rumph	6'2"	200	Sr.	Miami

P	Casey Roussel	6'1"	223	Sr.	Tulane
PR	Pete Rebstock	5'9"	182	Sr.	Colorado St.

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September 3 NFL WISEGUY PARLAY OF YEAR

Atlanta Falcons (-7) 36, 49ers 28 **WIN!**
Miami Dolphins (-3) 23, Seattle Seahawks 0 **WIN!**

September 16 COLLEGE UPSET GAME OF YEAR

Pittsburgh (+3 1/2) 12, Penn State 0 **WIN!**

September 23 COLLEGE GAME OF YEAR

Miami FL (-7 1/2) 47, West Virginia 10 **WIN!**

September 30 SEC GAME OF YEAR

Georgia (-5 1/2) 38, Arkansas 7 **WIN!**

October 7 FLORIDA GAME OF YEAR

Miami FL (+6) 27, Florida State 24 **WIN!**

October 8 NFL GAME OF YEAR

Detroit Lions (-3) 31, Green Bay Packers 24 **WIN!**

October 14 BIG EAST GAME OF YEAR

Boston College (-1) 20, Syracuse 13 **WIN!**

October 15 NFL WISEGUY GAME OF YEAR

New Orleans Saints (-3) 24, Carolina 6 **WIN!**

October 22 THREE-DOG NFL PARLAY

New England (+8 1/2) 23, Colts 30 **WIN!**
Buffalo Bills (+6) 27, Vikings 30 **WIN!**
Kansas City Chiefs (+7) 54, St. Louis Rams 34 **WIN!**

October 29 NFL GAME OF YEAR

New Orleans Saints (-6) 21, Cardinals 10 **WIN!**

November 4 COLLEGE SHOWDOWN OF YEAR

Miami FL (-9 1/2) 41, Virginia Tech 21 **WIN!**

November 5 AFC Game Of Year

Baltimore Ravens (-6 1/2) 27, Bengals 7 **WIN!**

November 12 SUNDAY NIGHT GAME OF YEAR

Indianapolis Colts (-5 1/2) 23, Jets 15 **WIN!**

November 20 NFL TOTAL OF YEAR

UNDER 56 in St. Louis- Washington **WIN!**

November 25 RIVALRY PARLAY OF YEAR

Georgia Tech (-1) 27, Georgia 15 **WIN!**
Notre Dame (+1) 38, USC 21 **WIN!**

November 26 NFL WISEGUY GAME OF YEAR

Baltimore Ravens (-17 1/2) 44, Browns 7 **WIN!**

December 3 NFL SHOWDOWN TRIPLE CROWN

Tampa Bay Bucs (-10) 27, Dallas Cowboys 7 **WIN!**
Jacksonville Jaguars (-15 1/2) 45, Browns 0 **WIN!**
Miami Dolphins (+3) 33, Buffalo Bills 6 **WIN!**

January 6 NFL WISEGUY GAME OF YEAR

Oakland Raiders (-9) 27, Miami Dolphins 0 **WIN!**

January 7 NFL BLOWOUT GAME OF YEAR

Baltimore Ravens (+6) 24, Titans 10 **WIN!**

January 28 SUPER BOWL

Baltimore Ravens (-3) 34, Giants 7 **WIN!**

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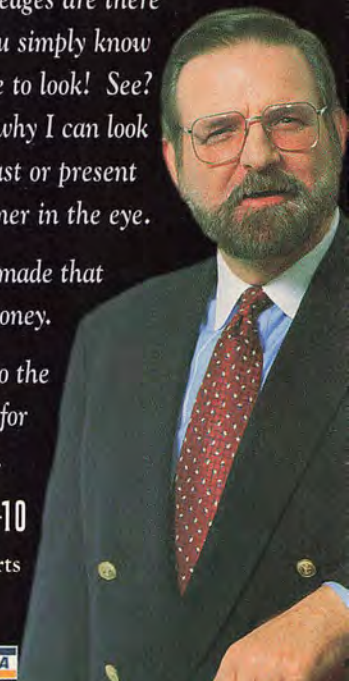
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Next 10 Geniuses

One of these head-coaches-in-waiting could soon be leading your favorite college football program

by Malcolm Moran



Lisa Hall

Mark Mangino

Currently: Assistant head coach and offensive coordinator, Oklahoma

Résumé: Part of the resurgence at Kansas State before joining

Bob Stoops' OU staff.

Reasons to hire: Provided continuity and added balance when he became offensive coordinator of the Sooners and led an offense that won a national championship. Placed a firm but subtle stamp on an already-emerging combination led by Josh Heupel.



Nebraska SID

Turner Gill

Currently: Quarterbacks coach, Nebraska

Résumé: Member of the Husker staff since 1992. Under Gill's direction, Tommie Frazier became a Heisman

Trophy finalist and Scott Frost led a team to a share of a national championship.

Reasons to hire: His understanding of the offense goes back to his days as the poised and popular leader of Nebraska's near-perfect 1983 unit. Fourth-place finish in Heisman voting and his minor league baseball experience give him a sense of success and failure and how to respond to both.



Michigan SID

Terry Malone

Currently: Interior offensive line coach, Michigan

Résumé: Four seasons with the Wolverines following one at Boston College and 10

at Bowling Green.

Reasons to hire: Provided essential stability to a talented offensive line that dealt with illness and injury shortly after his arrival in the winter of 1997. That group allowed just 18 sacks in the perfect season that ended with a Rose Bowl victory and a share of Michigan's first national championship since 1948.



Kevin Rogers

Currently: Offensive coordinator, Notre Dame

Résumé: Two seasons with the Irish preceded by eight-year spans at Syracuse and Navy.

Reasons to hire: After starting quarterback Arnaz Battle was lost with a broken wrist after the second game, the Irish lost just once more in the regular season with Gary Godsey and true freshman Matt LoVecchio running the offense.

Fran Ganter

Currently: Assistant head coach in charge of offense, Penn State

Résumé: All blue. Thirty years on the Nittany Lion staff. Has coached five running backs and two kickers who became first-team All-America; six RBs became first-round NFL picks. A total of 30 Lion bowl appearances, 27 as a coach.

Reasons to hire: The next best thing to getting Joe Pa.

Mickey Andrews

Currently: Defensive coordinator, Florida State

Résumé: 17 seasons on Bobby Bowden's Seminole staff; previous stops included Clemson and Florida. Played for two Alabama championship teams in the 60s.

Reasons to hire: Upgraded the Seminole defense until it became as much a force as the more-heralded, high-powered offensive unit.

John Chavis

Currently: Assistant head coach, defensive coordinator, Tennessee

Résumé: Six seasons as a coordinator for the Vols; returned to his alma mater in 1989. As defensive coordinator at Alabama A&M, led a nation-leading unit (Division II) in 1987 and 1988.

Reasons to hire: Championship pedigree. A walk-on who eventually earned a scholarship as a middle guard for the Vols, Chavis molded the unit that won a national title in 1998.

Larry Kirksey

Currently: Assistant head coach, wide receivers, Texas A&M

Résumé: Coached running backs in Alabama's 1992 championship year and wide receivers when the San Francisco 49ers won Super Bowl XXIX.

Reasons to hire: His stops have included Florida, Pittsburgh and title groups with the Crimson Tide and Niners. Next in a line of Aggie assistants that have included Bob Davie, Tommy Tuberville and Mike Sherman.



Ric Fogel

Eric Crouch

Currently: Senior quarterback, Nebraska

Résumé: Semifinalist for 2000 Davey O'Brien Award; established the career rushing record among

Nebraska quarterbacks with 2,319 yards in three seasons. Can gain the Husker career total offense record with 187 yards, which would surpass Tommie Frazier's 5,476. Nebraska has won 24 of the 29 games Crouch has started.

Reasons to hire: One of the most successful high school players in the history of the state, Crouch possesses a clear understanding of both the game and the fishbowl existence of Nebraska football.



Ric Fogel

David Givens

Currently: Senior flanker, Notre Dame

Résumé: Led Irish receivers with 25 catches in 2000; 3.0 academic average in fall 2000 semester.

Reasons to hire: His completeness as a player, combined with his intelligence, make Givens a natural if he does not become a CEO first. Recommended a plan to special teams coaches that led to his blocked punt. Was available as an emergency quarterback. Played eight positions in high school in Humble, Tex. Where else would a coach grow up?

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CLEMSON (9-3)

Clemson, SC
S. 1 Central Florida
S. 8 Wofford
S. 15 Duke
S. 22 Virginia
S. 29 at Georgia Tech
O. 11 at NC State
O. 20 North Carolina
O. 27 at Wake Forest
N. 3 Florida State
N. 10 at Maryland
N. 17 at South Carolina

DUKE (0-11)

Durham, NC
S. 1 Florida State
S. 8 at Rice
S. 15 at Clemson
S. 22 Northwestern
S. 29 at Virginia
O. 6 Georgia Tech
O. 13 Wake Forest
O. 20 at Maryland
O. 27 Vanderbilt
N. 3 NC State
N. 17 at North Carolina

FLORIDA STATE (11-2)

Tallahassee, FL
S. 1 at Duke
S. 8 UAB
S. 15 Georgia Tech
S. 22 at North Carolina
S. 29 Wake Forest
O. 13 Miami
O. 20 at Virginia
O. 27 Maryland
N. 3 at Clemson
N. 10 NC State
N. 17 at Florida

GEORGIA TECH (9-3)

Atlanta, GA
A. 26 Syracuse@
S. 1 The Citadel
S. 8 at Navy
S. 15 at Florida State
S. 29 Clemson
O. 6 at Duke
O. 13 Maryland
O. 20 NC State
N. 1 North Carolina
N. 10 at Virginia
N. 17 at Wake Forest
N. 24 Georgia
@East Rutherford, NJ

MARYLAND (5-6)

College Park, MD
S. 1 North Carolina
S. 8 Eastern Michigan
S. 15 West Virginia
S. 22 at Wake Forest
O. 6 Virginia
O. 13 at Georgia Tech
O. 20 Duke
O. 27 at Florida State
N. 3 Troy State
N. 10 Clemson
N. 17 at NC State

NORTH CAROLINA (6-5)

Chapel Hill, NC
A. 25 at Oklahoma
S. 1 at Maryland
S. 8 at Texas
S. 15 SMU
S. 22 Florida State
S. 29 at NC State
O. 6 East Carolina
O. 13 Virginia
O. 20 at Clemson
N. 1 at Georgia Tech
N. 10 Wake Forest
N. 17 Duke

NC STATE (8-4)

Raleigh, NC
S. 1 Ohio
S. 8 Indiana
S. 22 at SMU
S. 29 North Carolina
O. 6 at Wake Forest
O. 11 Clemson
O. 20 at Georgia Tech
O. 27 Virginia
N. 3 at Duke
N. 10 at Florida State
N. 17 Maryland

VIRGINIA (6-6)

Charlottesville, VA
A. 25 at Wisconsin
S. 13 Penn State
S. 22 at Clemson
S. 29 Duke
O. 6 at Maryland
O. 13 at North Carolina
O. 20 Florida State
O. 27 at NC State
N. 3 Wake Forest
N. 10 Georgia Tech
N. 17 Virginia Tech

WAKE FOREST (2-9)

Winston-Salem, NC
S. 1 at East Carolina
S. 8 Appalachian State
S. 15 Northern Illinois
S. 22 Maryland
S. 29 at Florida State
O. 6 NC State
O. 13 at Duke
O. 27 Clemson
N. 3 at Virginia
N. 10 at North Carolina
N. 17 Georgia Tech

BOSTON COLLEGE (7-5)

Chestnut Hill, MA
S. 1 West Virginia
S. 8 at Stanford
S. 22 at Navy
S. 29 Army
O. 6 Temple
O. 13 at Virginia Tech
O. 20 Pittsburgh
O. 27 Notre Dame
N. 10 Miami
N. 17 at Rutgers
N. 24 at Syracuse

MIAMI (11-1)

Coral Gables, FL
S. 1 at Penn State
S. 8 Rutgers
S. 15 Washington
S. 27 at Pittsburgh
O. 6 Troy State
O. 13 at Florida State
O. 25 West Virginia
N. 3 Temple
N. 10 at Boston College
N. 17 Syracuse
D. 1 at Virginia Tech

PITTSBURGH (7-5)

Pittsburgh, PA
S. 1 East Tennessee State
S. 8 South Florida
S. 15 UAB
S. 27 Miami
O. 6 at Notre Dame
O. 13 Syracuse
O. 20 at Boston College
O. 27 at Temple
N. 3 Virginia Tech
N. 10 at Rutgers
N. 24 at West Virginia

RUTGERS (3-8)

New Brunswick, NJ
A. 30 at Buffalo
S. 8 at Miami
S. 15 California
S. 22 Virginia Tech
S. 29 Connecticut
O. 6 Syracuse
O. 13 at Temple
O. 20 Navy
N. 3 at West Virginia
N. 10 Pittsburgh
N. 17 Boston College

SYRACUSE (6-5)

Syracuse, NY
A. 26 Georgia Tech@
S. 1 at Tennessee
S. 8 Central Florida
S. 15 East Carolina
S. 22 Auburn
O. 6 at Rutgers
O. 13 at Pittsburgh
O. 20 Temple
O. 27 at Virginia Tech
N. 10 West Virginia
N. 17 at Miami
N. 24 Boston College
@East Rutherford, NJ

TEMPLE (4-7)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 30 Navy
S. 8 Toledo
S. 15 Connecticut
S. 22 Bowling Green
O. 6 at Boston College
O. 13 Rutgers
O. 20 at Syracuse
O. 27 Pittsburgh
N. 3 at Miami
N. 10 Virginia Tech
N. 17 at West Virginia

VIRGINIA TECH (11-1)

Blacksburg, VA
S. 1 Connecticut
S. 8 Western Michigan
S. 22 at Rutgers
S. 29 Central Florida
O. 6 at West Virginia
O. 13 Boston College
O. 27 Syracuse
N. 3 at Pittsburgh
N. 10 at Temple
N. 17 at Virginia
D. 1 Miami

WEST VIRGINIA (7-5)

Morgantown, WV
S. 1 at Boston College
S. 8 Ohio University
S. 15 at Maryland
S. 22 Kent State
O. 6 Virginia Tech
O. 13 at Notre Dame
O. 25 at Miami
N. 3 Rutgers
N. 10 at Syracuse
N. 17 Temple
N. 24 Pittsburgh

Big Ten

ILLINOIS (5-6)

Champaign, IL
S. 1 at California
S. 8 Northern Illinois
S. 15 Louisville
S. 22 at Michigan
O. 6 Minnesota
O. 13 at Indiana
O. 20 Wisconsin
N. 3 at Purdue
N. 10 Penn State
N. 17 at Ohio State
N. 22 Northwestern

INDIANA (3-8)

Bloomington, IN
S. 8 at North Carolina St.
S. 15 Kentucky
S. 22 Utah
S. 29 Ohio State
O. 6 at Wisconsin
O. 13 Illinois
O. 20 at Iowa
N. 3 Northwestern
N. 10 at Michigan
N. 17 at Penn State
N. 24 Purdue

IOWA (3-9)

Iowa City, IA
S. 1 Kent State
S. 8 Miami
S. 15 at Iowa State
S. 29 Penn State
O. 6 at Purdue
O. 13 at Michigan State
O. 20 Indiana
O. 27 Michigan
N. 3 at Wisconsin
N. 10 at Northwestern
N. 17 Minnesota

MICHIGAN (9-3)

Ann Arbor, MI
S. 1 Miami (OH)
S. 8 at Washington
S. 15 Western Michigan
S. 22 Illinois
O. 6 at Penn State
O. 13 Purdue
O. 27 at Iowa
N. 3 at Michigan State
N. 10 Minnesota
N. 17 at Wisconsin
N. 24 Ohio State

MICHIGAN STATE (5-6)

East Lansing, MI
S. 8 Central Michigan
S. 15 Missouri
S. 22 at Notre Dame
S. 29 at Northwestern
O. 13 Iowa
O. 20 at Minnesota
O. 27 at Wisconsin
N. 3 Michigan
N. 10 Indiana
N. 17 at Purdue
N. 24 Penn State

MINNESOTA (6-6)

Minneapolis, MN
A. 31 at Toledo
S. 8 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 15 Baylor
S. 29 Purdue
O. 6 at Illinois
O. 13 at Northwestern
O. 20 Michigan State
N. 3 Ohio State
N. 10 at Michigan
N. 17 at Iowa
N. 24 Wisconsin

NORTHWESTERN (8-4)

Evanston, IL
S. 7 at UNLV
S. 15 Navy
S. 22 at Duke
S. 29 Michigan State
O. 6 at Ohio State
O. 13 Minnesota
O. 20 Penn State
O. 27 at Purdue
N. 3 at Indiana
N. 10 Iowa
N. 22 at Illinois

OHIO STATE (8-4)

Columbus, OH
S. 8 Akron
S. 15 San Diego State
S. 22 at UCLA
S. 29 at Indiana
O. 6 Northwestern
O. 13 Wisconsin
O. 27 at Penn State
N. 3 at Minnesota
N. 10 Purdue
N. 17 Illinois
N. 24 at Michigan

PENN STATE (5-7)

University Park, PA
S. 1 Miami
S. 13 at Virginia
S. 22 Wisconsin
S. 29 at Iowa
O. 6 Michigan
O. 20 at Northwestern
O. 27 Ohio State
N. 3 Southern Miss
N. 10 Illinois
N. 17 Indiana
N. 24 at Michigan State

PURDUE (8-4)

West Lafayette, IN
S. 2 at Cincinnati
S. 15 Notre Dame
S. 22 Akron
S. 29 at Minnesota
O. 6 Iowa
O. 13 at Michigan
O. 27 Northwestern
N. 3 Illinois
N. 10 at Ohio State
N. 17 Michigan State
N. 23 at Indiana

WISCONSIN (9-4)

Madison, WI
A. 25 Virginia
S. 1 at Oregon
S. 8 Fresno State
S. 15 Western Kentucky
S. 22 at Penn State
O. 6 Indiana
O. 13 at Ohio State
O. 20 at Illinois
O. 27 Michigan State
N. 3 Iowa
N. 17 Michigan
N. 24 at Minnesota

Big 12

BAYLOR (2-9)

Waco, TX
S. 8 Arkansas State
S. 15 at Minnesota
S. 22 New Mexico
S. 29 at Iowa State
O. 6 at Texas A&M
O. 13 Nebraska
O. 20 at Oklahoma
O. 27 Texas Tech
N. 3 Texas
N. 10 at Missouri
N. 17 Oklahoma State

COLORADO (3-8)

Boulder, CO
A. 25 Fresno State
S. 1 Colorado State@
S. 8 San Jose State
S. 15 at Washington State
S. 22 Kansas
O. 6 at Kansas State
O. 13 Texas A&M
O. 20 at Texas
O. 27 at Oklahoma State
N. 3 Missouri
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@Denver, CO

IOWA STATE (9-3)

Ames, IA
S. 8 Northern Iowa
S. 15 Iowa
S. 22 at Ohio
S. 29 Baylor
O. 6 at Nebraska
O. 13 at Missouri
O. 20 Oklahoma State
O. 27 at Texas A&M
N. 3 Kansas State
N. 10 Colorado
N. 17 at Kansas

KANSAS (4-7)

Lawrence, KS
S. 1 SW Missouri State
S. 8 UCLA
S. 15 Wyoming
S. 22 at Colorado
O. 6 at Texas Tech
O. 13 Oklahoma
O. 20 Missouri
O. 27 at Kansas State
N. 3 Nebraska
N. 10 at Texas
N. 17 Iowa State

KANSAS STATE (11-3)

Manhattan, KS
S. 8 at USC
S. 15 Louisiana Tech
S. 22 New Mexico State
S. 29 at Oklahoma
O. 6 Colorado
O. 13 at Texas Tech
O. 20 Texas A&M
O. 27 Kansas
N. 3 at Iowa State
N. 10 at Nebraska
N. 17 Missouri

MISSOURI (3-8)

Columbia, MO
S. 1 Bowling Green
S. 8 SW Texas State
S. 15 at Michigan State
S. 29 Nebraska
O. 6 at Oklahoma State
O. 13 Iowa State
O. 20 at Kansas
O. 27 Texas
N. 3 at Colorado
N. 10 Baylor
N. 17 at Kansas State

NEBRASKA (10-2)

Lincoln, NE
S. 1 Troy State
S. 8 Notre Dame
S. 15 Rice
S. 29 at Missouri
O. 6 Iowa State
O. 13 at Baylor
O. 20 Texas Tech
O. 27 Oklahoma
N. 3 at Kansas
N. 10 Kansas State
N. 23 at Colorado

OKLAHOMA (13-0)

Norman, OK
A. 25 North Carolina
S. 1 at Air Force
S. 8 North Texas
S. 15 Tulsa
S. 29 Kansas State
O. 6 Texas@
O. 13 at Kansas
O. 20 Baylor
O. 27 at Nebraska
N. 10 Texas A&M
N. 17 at Texas Tech
N. 24 Oklahoma State
@Dallas, TX

OKLAHOMA STATE (3-8)

Stillwater, OK
S. 1 at Southern Miss
S. 8 Louisiana Tech
S. 15 Northern Arizona
S. 22 at Texas A&M
O. 6 Missouri
O. 13 Texas
O. 20 at Iowa State
O. 27 Colorado
N. 10 Texas Tech
N. 17 at Baylor
N. 24 at Oklahoma

TEXAS (9-3)

Austin, TX
S. 1 New Mexico State
S. 8 North Carolina
S. 22 at Houston
S. 29 Texas Tech
O. 6 Oklahoma@
O. 13 at Oklahoma State
O. 20 Colorado
O. 27 at Missouri
N. 3 at Baylor
N. 10 Kansas
N. 23 at Texas A&M
@Dallas, TX

TEXAS A&M (7-5)

College Station, TX
S. 1 McNeese State
S. 6 at Wyoming
S. 22 Oklahoma State
S. 29 Notre Dame
O. 6 Baylor
O. 13 at Colorado
O. 20 at Kansas State
O. 27 Iowa State
N. 3 at Texas Tech
N. 10 at Oklahoma
N. 23 Texas

TEXAS TECH (7-6)

Lubbock, TX
S. 8 New Mexico
S. 15 at UTEP
S. 22 at North Texas
S. 29 at Texas
O. 6 Kansas
O. 13 Kansas State
O. 20 at Nebraska
O. 27 at Baylor
N. 3 Texas A&M
N. 10 at Oklahoma State
N. 17 Oklahoma

Conference USA

ARMY (1-10)

West Point, NY
S. 8 Cincinnati
S. 15 Buffalo
S. 22 at UAB
S. 29 at Boston College
O. 6 Houston
O. 13 East Carolina
O. 20 at TCU
O. 27 Tulane
N. 3 at Air Force
N. 17 at Memphis
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CINCINNATI (7-5)

Cincinnati, OH
S. 2 Purdue
S. 8 at Army
S. 15 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 22 at Miami
O. 6 Tulane
O. 13 at UAB
O. 20 at Houston
O. 27 Louisville
N. 3 Connecticut
N. 10 East Carolina
N. 24 at Memphis

EAST CAROLINA (8-4)

Greenville, NC
S. 1 Wake Forest
S. 8 at Tulane
S. 15 at Syracuse
S. 22 William & Mary
O. 6 at North Carolina
O. 13 at Army
O. 20 Memphis
O. 30 at TCU
N. 10 at Cincinnati
N. 15 Louisville
N. 23 Southern Miss

HOUSTON (3-8)

Houston, TX
S. 1 Rice
S. 15 at Georgia
S. 22 Texas
S. 29 TCU
O. 6 at Army
O. 13 Memphis
O. 20 Cincinnati
O. 27 at Southern Miss
N. 3 at South Florida
N. 10 at Louisville
N. 17 UAB

LOUISVILLE (9-3)

Louisville, KY
A.23 New Mexico State
S. 1 at Kentucky
S. 8 Western Carolina
S. 15 at Illinois
S. 29 Memphis
O. 4 Colorado State
O. 16 Southern Miss
O. 27 at Cincinnati
N. 3 at Tulane
N. 10 Houston
N. 15 at East Carolina
N. 24 at TCU

MEMPHIS (4-7)

Memphis, TN
S. 1 at Mississippi State
S. 8 Chattanooga
S. 22 South Florida
S. 29 at Louisville
O. 6 Southern Miss
O. 13 at Houston
O. 20 at East Carolina
O. 27 UAB
N. 10 at Tennessee
N. 17 Army
N. 24 Cincinnati

SOUTHERN MISS (8-4)

Hattiesburg, MS
S. 1 Oklahoma State
S. 15 Alabama@
S. 22 at Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 29 UAB
O. 6 at Memphis
O. 16 at Louisville
O. 27 Houston
N. 3 at Penn State
N. 17 Tulane
N. 23 at East Carolina
N. 30 TCU
@Birmingham, AL

TULANE (6-5)

New Orleans, LA
S. 1 at LSU
S. 8 East Carolina
S. 22 Central Florida
S. 29 Southern
O. 6 at Cincinnati
O. 13 TCU
O. 20 at UAB
O. 27 at Army
N. 3 Louisville
N. 10 at Navy
N. 17 at Southern Miss

TCU (10-2)

Forth Worth, TX
A. 30 at North Texas
S. 8 at SMU
S. 15 Marshall
S. 22 Northwestern State
S. 29 at Houston
O. 13 at Tulane
O. 20 Army
O. 30 at East Carolina
N. 10 at UAB
N. 24 Louisville
N. 30 at Southern Miss

UAB (7-4)

Birmingham, AL
A. 30 Montana State
S. 8 at Florida State
S. 15 at Pittsburgh
S. 22 Army
S. 29 at Southern Miss
O. 6 at Central Florida
O. 13 Cincinnati
O. 20 Tulane
O. 27 at Memphis
N. 10 TCU
N. 17 at Houston

Mid-American

AKRON (6-5)

Akron, OH
S. 8 at Ohio State
S. 15 Eastern Michigan
S. 22 at Purdue
S. 29 Ohio
O. 6 at Western Michigan
O. 13 at Miami (OH)
O. 20 Bowling Green
O. 27 at Marshall
N. 3 at Central Florida
N. 10 at Buffalo
N. 17 Kent State

BALL STATE (5-6)

Muncie, IN
S. 1 at Auburn
S. 8 at Kentucky
S. 15 Southern Illinois
S. 22 at Western Michigan
S. 29 Miami (OH)
O. 13 at Eastern Michigan
O. 20 Toledo
O. 27 at Connecticut
N. 3 Central Michigan
N. 10 Kent State
N. 17 at Northern Illinois

BOWLING GREEN (2-9)

Bowling Green, OH
S. 1 at Missouri
S. 8 Buffalo
S. 15 at South Carolina
S. 22 Temple
S. 29 at Marshall
O. 6 Kent State
O. 13 at Western Michigan
O. 20 at Akron
N. 3 Miami (OH)
N. 10 at Ohio
N. 23 Toledo

BUFFALO (2-9)

Buffalo, NY
A. 30 Rutgers
S. 8 at Bowling Green
S. 15 at Army
S. 22 at Connecticut
S. 29 Central Michigan
O. 6 at Miami (OH)
O. 13 Marshall
O. 20 at Kent State
O. 27 at Eastern Michigan
N. 3 Ohio
N. 10 Akron

CENTRAL MICH. (2-9)

Mt. Pleasant, MI
A. 30 Eastern Kentucky
S. 8 at Michigan State
S. 15 at Boise
S. 22 Toledo
S. 29 at Buffalo
O. 13 Ohio
O. 20 at Marshall
O. 27 Northern Illinois
N. 3 at Ball State
N. 10 Eastern Michigan
N. 17 at Western Michigan

EASTERN MICH. (3-8)

Ypsilanti, MI
S. 1 SE Missouri State
S. 8 at Maryland
S. 15 at Akron
S. 22 Indiana State
S. 29 Western Michigan
O. 6 at Connecticut
O. 13 Ball State
O. 27 Buffalo
N. 3 at Northern Illinois
N. 10 at Central Michigan
N. 17 at Toledo

KENT STATE (1-10)

Kent, OH
S. 1 at Iowa
S. 8 Bucknell
S. 15 Miami (OH)
S. 22 at West Virginia
O. 6 at Bowling Green
O. 13 Northern Illinois
O. 20 Buffalo
O. 27 at Ohio
N. 3 Marshall
N. 10 at Ball State
N. 17 at Akron

MARSHALL (8-5)

Huntington, WV
S. 1 at Florida
S. 8 Massachusetts
S. 15 at TCU
S. 29 Bowling Green
S. 29 at Northern Illinois
O. 13 at Buffalo
O. 20 Central Michigan
O. 27 Akron
N. 3 at Kent State
N. 10 at Miami (OH)
N. 17 Ohio

MIAMI (OHIO) (6-5)

Oxford, OH
S. 1 at Michigan
S. 8 at Iowa
S. 15 at Kent State
S. 22 Cincinnati
S. 29 at Ball State
O. 6 Buffalo
O. 13 Akron
O. 20 at Ohio
O. 27 Western Michigan
N. 3 at Bowling Green
N. 10 Marshall
N. 17 at Hawaii

NORTHERN ILLINOIS (6-5)

Dekalb, IL
A.30 South Florida
S. 8 at Illinois
S. 15 at Wake Forest
S. 22 Sam Houston
S. 29 at Toledo
O. 6 Marshall
O. 13 at Kent State
O. 20 Western Michigan
O. 27 at Central Michigan
N. 3 Eastern Michigan
N. 17 Ball State

OHIO (7-4)

Athens, OH
S. 1 at NC State
S. 8 at West Virginia
S. 22 Iowa State
S. 29 at Akron
O. 6 Toledo
O. 13 at Central Michigan
O. 20 Miami (OH)
O. 27 Kent State
N. 3 at Buffalo
N. 10 Bowling Green
N. 17 at Marshall

TOLEDO (10-1)

Toledo, OH
A. 31 Minnesota
S. 8 at Temple
S. 15 Youngstown State
S. 22 at Central Michigan
S. 29 Northern Illinois
O. 6 at Ohio
O. 20 at Ball State
O. 27 Navy
N. 3 Western Michigan
N. 17 Eastern Michigan
N. 23 at Bowling Green

WESTERN MICH. (9-3)

Kalamazoo, MI
A. 30 Illinois State
S. 8 at Virginia Tech
S. 15 at Michigan
S. 29 at Eastern Michigan
O. 6 Akron
O. 13 Bowling Green
O. 20 at Northern Illinois
O. 27 at Miami (OH)
N. 6 at Toledo
N. 17 Central Michigan

Mountain West

AIR FORCE (9-3)

Colorado Springs, CO
S. 1 Oklahoma
S. 15 Utah
S. 29 at San Diego State
O. 6 at Navy
O. 13 Wyoming
O. 20 at BYU
O. 27 at New Mexico
N. 3 Army
N. 8 at Colorado State
N. 17 UNLV
N. 24 at Hawaii

BYU (6-6)

Provo, UT
S. 1 Nevada
S. 8 at California
S. 15 at Mississippi State
S. 29 at UNLV
O. 5 Utah State
O. 13 at New Mexico
O. 20 Air Force
O. 27 at San Diego State
N. 1 Colorado State
N. 10 at Wyoming
N. 17 Utah
D. 1 at Hawaii

COLORADO STATE (10-2)

Fort Collins, CO
S. 1 Colorado@
S. 8 Nevada
S. 14 at UNLV
S. 22 San Diego State
S. 29 at Wyoming
O. 4 at Louisville
O. 13 Fresno State
O. 27 Utah
N. 1 at BYU
N. 8 Air Force
N. 17 at New Mexico
@Denver, CO

NEW MEXICO (5-7)

Albuquerque, NM
S. 1 UTEP
S. 8 at Texas Tech
S. 15 New Mexico State
S. 22 at Baylor
S. 29 at Utah
O. 6 at Wyoming
O. 13 BYU
O. 27 Air Force
N. 23 at San Diego State
N. 10 UNLV
N. 17 Colorado State

SAN DIEGO STATE (3-8)

San Diego, CA
A. 30 Arizona
S. 8 at Arizona State
S. 15 at Ohio State
S. 22 at Colorado State
S. 29 Air Force
O. 6 Eastern Illinois
O. 13 at UNLV
O. 27 BYU
N. 3 New Mexico
N. 10 at Utah
N. 17 Wyoming

UNLV (8-5)

Las Vegas, NV
S. 1 at Arkansas@
S. 7 Northwestern
S. 14 Colorado State
S. 22 at Arizona
S. 29 BYU
O. 6 at Nevada
O. 13 San Diego State
O. 27 at Wyoming
N. 3 Utah
N. 10 at New Mexico
N. 17 at Air Force
@Little Rock, AR

UTAH (4-7)

Salt Lake City, UT
S. 1 Utah State
S. 8 at Oregon
S. 15 at Air Force
S. 22 at Indiana
S. 29 New Mexico
O. 6 South Florida
O. 20 Wyoming
O. 27 at Colorado State
N. 3 at UNLV
N. 10 San Diego State
N. 17 at BYU

WYOMING (1-10)

Laramie, WY
S. 1 Furman
S. 6 Texas A&M
S. 15 at Kansas
S. 22 at Utah State
S. 29 Colorado State
O. 6 New Mexico
O. 13 at Air Force
O. 20 at Utah
O. 27 UNLV
N. 10 BYU
N. 17 at San Diego State

Pac-10

ARIZONA (5-6)

Tucson, AZ
A. 30 at San Diego State
S. 8 Idaho
S. 22 UNLV
S. 29 Washington State
O. 6 Oregon
O. 13 at Oregon State
O. 20 at Washington
O. 27 USC
N. 3 at California
N. 10 Stanford
N. 17 at Arizona State

ARIZONA STATE (6-6)

Tempe, AZ
S. 8 San Diego State
S. 15 at UCLA
S. 22 at Stanford
S. 29 San Jose State
O. 6 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 13 at USC
O. 20 Oregon State
O. 27 Washington
N. 3 at Oregon
N. 10 Washington State
N. 23 Arizona

CALIFORNIA (3-8)

Berkeley, CA
S. 1 Illinois
S. 8 BYU
S. 15 at Rutgers
S. 22 at Washington State
S. 29 Washington
O. 13 Oregon
O. 20 at UCLA
O. 27 at Oregon State
N. 3 Arizona
N. 10 USC
N. 17 at Stanford

OREGON (10-2)

Eugene, OR
S. 1 Wisconsin
S. 8 Utah
S. 22 USC
S. 29 at Utah State
O. 6 at Arizona
O. 13 at California
O. 20 Stanford
O. 27 at Washington State
N. 3 Arizona State
N. 10 at UCLA
D. 1 Oregon State

OREGON STATE (11-1)

Corvallis, OR
S. 1 at Fresno State
S. 8 at New Mexico State
S. 15 Montana State
S. 29 UCLA
O. 6 at Washington State
O. 13 Arizona
O. 20 at Arizona State
O. 27 California
N. 3 at USC
N. 10 Washington
D. 1 at Oregon

USC (5-7)

Los Angeles, CA
S. 1 San Jose State
S. 8 Kansas State
S. 22 at Oregon
S. 29 Stanford
O. 6 at Washington
O. 13 Arizona State
O. 20 at Notre Dame
O. 27 at Arizona
N. 3 Oregon State
N. 10 at California
N. 17 UCLA

STANFORD (5-6)

Stanford, CA
S. 8 Boston College
S. 15 at San Jose State
S. 22 Arizona State
S. 29 at USC
O. 13 Washington State
O. 20 at Oregon
O. 27 UCLA
N. 3 at Washington
N. 10 at Arizona
N. 17 California
N. 24 Notre Dame

UCLA (6-6)

Los Angeles, CA
S. 1 at Alabama
S. 8 at Kansas
S. 15 Arizona State
S. 22 Ohio State
S. 29 at Oregon State
O. 13 Washington
O. 20 California
O. 27 at Stanford
N. 3 at Washington State
N. 10 Oregon
N. 17 at USC

WASHINGTON (11-1)

Seattle, WA
S. 8 Michigan
S. 15 at Miami
S. 22 Idaho
S. 29 at California
O. 6 USC
O. 13 at UCLA
O. 20 Arizona
O. 27 at Arizona State
N. 3 Stanford
N. 10 at Oregon State
N. 17 Washington State

WASHINGTON ST. (4-7)

Pullman, WA
A. 30 Idaho
S. 8 at Boise State
S. 15 Colorado
S. 22 California
S. 29 at Arizona
O. 6 Oregon State
O. 13 at Stanford
O. 27 Oregon
N. 3 UCLA
N. 10 at Arizona State
N. 17 at Washington

SEC

ALABAMA (3-8)

Tuscaloosa, AL
S. 1 UCLA
S. 8 at Vanderbilt
S. 15 Southern Miss@
S. 22 Arkansas
S. 29 at South Carolina
O. 6 UTEP@
O. 13 at Ole Miss
O. 20 Tennessee
N. 3 LSU
N. 10 Miss State
N. 17 at Auburn
@Birmingham, AL

ARKANSAS (6-6)

Fayetteville, AR
S. 1 UNLV@
S. 8 Tennessee
S. 15 North Texas
S. 22 at Alabama
S. 29 at Georgia
O. 13 South Carolina@
O. 27 Auburn
N. 3 at Ole Miss
N. 10 Central Florida
N. 17 Mississippi State
N. 24 at LSU
@Little Rock, AR

AUBURN (9-4)

Auburn, AL
S. 1 Ball State
S. 8 Ole Miss
S. 15 at LSU
S. 22 at Syracuse
S. 29 at Vanderbilt
O. 6 Mississippi State
O. 13 Florida
O. 20 Louisiana Tech
O. 27 at Arkansas
N. 10 at Georgia
N. 17 Alabama

FLORIDA (10-3)

Gainesville, FL
S. 1 Marshall
S. 8 Louisiana-Monroe
S. 15 Tennessee
S. 22 at Kentucky
S. 29 Mississippi State
O. 6 at LSU
O. 13 at Auburn
O. 27 Georgia@
N. 3 Vanderbilt
N. 10 at South Carolina
N. 17 Florida State
@Jacksonville, FL

GEORGIA (8-4)

Athens, GA
S. 1 Arkansas State
S. 8 South Carolina
S. 15 Houston
S. 29 Arkansas
O. 6 at Tennessee
O. 13 at Vanderbilt
O. 20 Kentucky
O. 27 Florida@
N. 10 Auburn
N. 17 at Ole Miss
N. 24 at Georgia Tech
@Jacksonville, FL

KENTUCKY (2-9)

Lexington, KY
S. 1 Louisville
S. 8 Ball State
S. 15 at Indiana
S. 22 Florida
S. 29 Ole Miss
O. 6 at South Carolina
O. 13 LSU
O. 20 at Georgia
N. 3 at Mississippi State
N. 10 at Vanderbilt
N. 17 Tennessee

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LSU (8-4)

Baton Rouge, LA
S. 1 Tulane
S. 8 Utah State
S. 15 Auburn
S. 29 at Tennessee
O. 6 Florida
O. 13 at Kentucky
O. 20 at Mississippi State
O. 27 Ole Miss
N. 3 at Alabama
N. 10 Middle Tennessee
N. 24 Arkansas

MISSISSIPPI STATE (8-4)

Starkville, MS
S. 1 Memphis
S. 15 BYU
S. 20 South Carolina
S. 29 at Florida
O. 6 at Auburn
O. 13 Troy State
O. 20 LSU
N. 3 Kentucky
N. 10 at Alabama
N. 17 at Arkansas
N. 22 Ole Miss

OLE MISS (7-5)

Oxford, MS
S. 1 Murray State
S. 8 at Auburn
S. 15 Vanderbilt
S. 29 at Kentucky
O. 6 at Arkansas State
O. 13 Alabama
O. 20 Middle Tennessee
O. 27 at LSU
N. 3 Arkansas
N. 17 Georgia
N. 22 at Mississippi State

SOUTH CAROLINA (8-4)

Columbia, SC
S. 1 Boise State
S. 8 at Georgia
S. 15 Bowling Green
S. 20 at Mississippi State
S. 29 Alabama
O. 6 Kentucky
O. 13 at Arkansas
O. 20 Vanderbilt
O. 27 at Tennessee
N. 10 Florida
N. 17 Clemson

TENNESSEE (8-4)

Knoxville, TN
S. 1 Syracuse
S. 8 at Arkansas
S. 15 at Florida
S. 29 LSU
O. 6 Georgia
O. 20 at Alabama
O. 27 South Carolina
N. 3 at Notre Dame
N. 10 Memphis
N. 17 at Kentucky
N. 24 Vanderbilt

VANDERBILT (3-8)

Nashville, TN
A. 30 Middle Tennessee
S. 8 Alabama
S. 15 at Ole Miss
S. 22 Richmond
S. 29 Auburn
O. 13 Georgia
O. 20 at South Carolina
O. 27 at Duke
N. 3 at Florida
N. 10 Kentucky
N. 24 at Tennessee

Sunbelt

ARKANSAS STATE (1-10)

Jonesboro, AR
S. 1 at Georgia
S. 8 at Baylor
S. 15 Nicholls State
S. 22 Jacksonville State
O. 6 Ole Miss
O. 13 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 20 at North Texas
O. 27 Idaho
N. 3 at Middle Tennessee
N. 10 at New Mexico State
N. 17 Louisiana-Monroe

IDAHO (5-6)

Moscow, ID
A. 30 Washington State
S. 8 at Arizona
S. 15 at Montana
S. 22 at Washington
S. 29 Boise State
O. 6 at Middle Tennessee
O. 13 at New Mexico State
O. 20 Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 27 at Arkansas State
N. 3 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 17 North Texas

LA-LAFAYETTE (1-10)

Lafayette, LA
S. 1 Nicholls State
S. 8 at Minnesota
S. 15 at Central Florida
S. 22 Southern Miss
S. 29 Middle Tennessee
O. 6 at Arizona State
O. 13 at Arkansas State
O. 20 at Idaho
O. 27 Louisiana-Monroe
N. 10 at North Texas
N. 17 New Mexico State

LA-MONROE (1-10)

Monroe, LA
S. 1 Sam Houston
S. 8 at Florida
S. 15 at Cincinnati
S. 22 Middle Tennessee
S. 29 New Mexico State
O. 6 North Texas
O. 20 at Central Florida
O. 27 at Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 3 at Idaho
N. 10 Troy State
N. 17 at Arkansas State

MIDDLE TENNESSEE (6-5)

Murfreesboro, TN
A. 30 at Vanderbilt
S. 8 Troy State
S. 22 at Louisiana-Monroe
S. 29 at Louisiana-Lafayette
O. 6 Idaho
O. 13 at North Texas
O. 20 at Ole Miss
O. 27 New Mexico State
N. 3 Arkansas State
N. 10 at Connecticut

NEW MEXICO ST. (3-8)

Las Cruces, NM
A. 23 at Louisville
S. 1 at Texas
S. 8 Oregon State
S. 15 at New Mexico
S. 22 at Kansas State
S. 29 at Louisiana-Monroe
O. 6 at Tulsa
O. 13 Idaho
O. 27 at Middle Tennessee
N. 3 North Texas
N. 10 Arkansas State
N. 17 at Louisiana-Lafayette

NORTH TEXAS (3-8)

Denton, TX
A. 30 TCU
S. 8 at Oklahoma
S. 15 at Arkansas
S. 22 Texas Tech
S. 29 at South Florida
O. 6 at Louisiana-Monroe
O. 13 Middle Tennessee
O. 20 Arkansas State
N. 3 at New Mexico State
N. 10 Louisiana-Lafayette
N. 17 at Idaho

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BOISE STATE (10-2)

Boise, ID
S. 1 at South Carolina
S. 8 Washington State
S. 15 Central Michigan
S. 22 UTEP
S. 29 at Idaho
O. 6 at Rice
O. 13 Tulsa
O. 20 at Fresno State
O. 27 Nevada
N. 10 at Hawaii
N. 17 San Jose State
N. 24 Louisiana Tech

FRESNO STATE (7-5)

Fresno, CA
A. 25 at Colorado
S. 1 Oregon State
S. 8 at Wisconsin
S. 15 Utah State
S. 22 at Tulsa
S. 29 Louisiana Tech
O. 13 at Colorado State
O. 20 Boise State
O. 27 at Hawaii
N. 3 Rice
N. 10 at SMU
N. 17 at Nevada
N. 24 San Jose State

HAWAII (3-9)

Honolulu, HI
S. 8 Montana@
S. 15 at Nevada
S. 29 Rice
O. 6 at SMU
O. 13 UTEP
O. 20 at Tulsa
O. 27 Fresno State
N. 3 San Jose State
N. 10 Boise State
N. 17 Miami (Ohio)
N. 24 Air Force
D. 1 BYU
@War Memorial, Maui

LOUISIANA TECH (3-9)

Ruston, LA
S. 1 SMU@
S. 8 at Oklahoma State
S. 15 at Kansas State
S. 29 at Fresno State
O. 6 San Jose State
O. 13 at Nevada
O. 20 at Auburn
O. 27 Rice
N. 3 at Tulsa
N. 10 at UTEP
N. 24 Boise State
@Shreveport, LA

NEVADA (2-10)

Reno, NV
S. 1 at BYU
S. 8 at Colorado State
S. 15 Hawaii
S. 22 at San Jose State
O. 6 UNLV
O. 13 Louisiana Tech
O. 20 at Rice
O. 27 at Boise State
N. 3 SMU
N. 17 Fresno State
N. 24 UTEP

RICE (3-8)

Houston, TX
S. 1 at Houston
S. 8 Duke
S. 15 at Nebraska
S. 29 at Hawaii
O. 6 Boise State
S. 22 at Navy
O. 20 Nevada
O. 27 at Louisiana Tech
N. 3 at Fresno State
N. 10 Tulsa
N. 17 UTEP
N. 24 at SMU

SAN JOSE STATE (7-5)

San Jose, CA
S. 1 at USC
S. 8 at Colorado
S. 15 Stanford
S. 22 Nevada
S. 29 at Arizona State
O. 6 at Louisiana Tech
O. 13 SMU
O. 20 at UTEP
O. 27 Tulsa
N. 3 at Hawaii
N. 17 at Boise State
N. 24 at Fresno State

SMU (3-9)

Dallas, TX
S. 1 at Louisiana Tech
S. 8 TCU
S. 15 at North Carolina
S. 22 North Carolina State
O. 6 Hawaii
O. 13 at San Jose State
O. 27 UTEP
N. 3 at Nevada
N. 10 Fresno State
N. 17 at Tulsa
N. 24 Rice

TULSA (5-7)

Tulsa, OK
A. 30 Indiana State
S. 15 at Oklahoma
S. 22 Fresno State
S. 29 at UTEP
O. 6 New Mexico State
O. 13 at Boise State
O. 20 Hawaii
O. 27 at San Jose State
N. 3 Louisiana Tech
N. 10 at Rice
N. 17 SMU

UTEP (8-4)

El Paso, TX
A. 31 at New Mexico
S. 8 Texas Southern
S. 15 Texas Tech
S. 22 at Boise State
S. 29 Tulsa
O. 6 at Alabama
O. 13 at Hawaii
O. 27 at SMU
N. 10 Louisiana Tech
N. 17 at Rice
N. 24 Nevada

I-A Independents

CENTRAL FLORIDA (7-4)

Orlando, FL
S. 1 at Clemson
S. 8 at Syracuse
S. 15 Louisiana-Lafayette
S. 22 at Tulane
S. 29 at Virginia Tech
O. 6 UAB
O. 13 Liberty
O. 20 Louisiana-Monroe
O. 27 at Utah State
N. 3 Akron
N. 10 at Arkansas

CONNECTICUT (3-8)

Storrs, CT
S. 1 at Virginia Tech
S. 8 Eastern Washington
S. 15 at Temple
S. 22 Buffalo
S. 29 at Rutgers
O. 6 Eastern Michigan
O. 13 at South Florida
O. 27 Ball State
N. 3 at Cincinnati
N. 10 Utah State
N. 17 at Middle Tennessee

NAVY (1-10)

Annapolis, MD
A. 30 at Temple
S. 8 Georgia Tech
S. 15 at Northwestern
S. 22 Boston College
O. 6 Air Force
O. 13 Rice
O. 20 at Rutgers
O. 27 at Toledo
N. 10 Tulane
N. 17 at Notre Dame
D. 1 Army@
@Philadelphia, PA

NOTRE DAME (9-3)

South Bend, IN
S. 8 at Nebraska
S. 15 at Purdue
S. 22 Michigan State
S. 29 at Texas A&M
O. 6 Pittsburgh
O. 13 West Virginia
O. 20 USC
O. 27 at Boston College
N. 3 Tennessee
N. 17 Navy
N. 24 at Stanford

SOUTH FLORIDA (7-4)

Tampa, FL
A. 30 at Northern Illinois
S. 8 at Pittsburgh
S. 15 Southern Utah
S. 22 at Memphis
S. 29 North Texas
O. 6 at Utah
O. 13 Connecticut
O. 27 Liberty
N. 3 Houston
N. 10 Western Illinois
N. 24 Utah State

TROY STATE (9-3)

Troy, AL
S. 1 at Nebraska
S. 8 at Middle Tennessee
S. 15 Appalachian State
S. 22 at Nicholls State
O. 6 at Miami
O. 16 at Mississippi State
O. 20 Cal State-Northridge
O. 27 Southern Utah
N. 3 at Maryland
N. 10 at Louisiana-Monroe
N. 17 Jacksonville State

UTAH STATE (5-6)

Logan, UT
S. 1 at Utah
S. 8 at LSU
S. 15 at Fresno State
S. 22 Wyoming
S. 29 Oregon
O. 5 at BYU
O. 20 Idaho State
O. 27 Central Florida
N. 10 at Connecticut
N. 17 Weber State
N. 24 at South Florida

Atlantic 10

DELAWARE (12-2)

Newark, DE
A. 30 Rhode Island
S. 8 at Georgia Southern
S. 15 West Chester
S. 22 Massachusetts
S. 29 at Northeastern
O. 6 at New Hampshire
O. 13 Hofstra
O. 20 William & Mary
N. 3 at James Madison
N. 10 Richmond
N. 17 at Villanova

HOFSTRA (9-4)

Hempstead, NY
S. 1 Northeastern
S. 8 at Rhode Island
S. 15 New Hampshire
S. 22 Maine
S. 29 Massachusetts
O. 6 at William & Mary
O. 13 at Delaware
O. 20 Elon
N. 3 at Richmond
N. 10 Villanova
N. 17 at Liberty

JAMES MADISON (6-5)

Harrisonburg, VA
S. 1 Elon
S. 8 at New Hampshire
S. 15 Florida Atlantic
S. 22 Rhode Island
S. 29 at Maine
O. 6 at Villanova
O. 13 Richmond
O. 27 at Massachusetts
N. 3 Delaware
N. 10 at William & Mary
N. 17 Northeastern

MAINE (5-6)

Orono, ME
S. 8 Colgate
S. 22 at Hofstra
S. 29 James Madison
O. 6 Richmond
O. 13 at Northeastern
O. 20 Villanova
O. 27 at William & Mary
N. 3 at Rhode Island
N. 10 Massachusetts
N. 17 at New Hampshire

MASSACHUSETTS (7-4)

Amherst, MA
S. 1 William & Mary
S. 8 at Marshall
S. 15 Richmond
S. 22 at Delaware
S. 29 at Hofstra
O. 13 New Hampshire
O. 20 James Madison
O. 27 at Villanova
N. 3 Northeastern
N. 10 at Maine
N. 17 Rhode Island

NEW HAMPSHIRE (6-5)

Durham, NH
S. 8 James Madison
S. 15 at LSU
S. 22 at Dartmouth
S. 29 at William & Mary
O. 6 Delaware
O. 13 at Massachusetts
O. 20 at Rhode Island
N. 3 Villanova
N. 10 at Northeastern
N. 17 Maine

NORTHEASTERN (4-7)

Boston, MA
S. 1 Richmond
S. 8 at Villanova
S. 15 at Rhode Island
S. 22 Hofstra
S. 29 Delaware
O. 6 at Harvard
O. 13 Maine
O. 27 St. Mary's
N. 3 at Massachusetts
N. 10 New Hampshire
N. 17 at James Madison

RHODE ISLAND (3-8)

Kingston, RI
A. 30 at Delaware
S. 8 Hofstra
S. 15 Northeastern
S. 22 at James Madison
S. 29 at Brown
O. 6 at Hampton
O. 13 William & Mary
O. 20 New Hampshire
O. 27 at Richmond
N. 3 Maine
N. 10 at Massachusetts

RICHMOND (10-3)

Richmond, VA
S. 1 at Virginia
S. 15 at Massachusetts
S. 22 at Vanderbilt
S. 29 Villanova
O. 6 at Maine
O. 20 at Northeastern
O. 27 Rhode Island
N. 3 Hofstra
N. 10 at Delaware
N. 17 William & Mary

VILLANOVA (5-6)

Philadelphia, PA
A. 30 Colgate
S. 8 Northeastern
S. 15 at William & Mary
S. 29 at Richmond
O. 6 James Madison
O. 12 New Haven
O. 20 at Maine
O. 27 Massachusetts
N. 3 at New Hampshire
N. 10 at Hofstra
N. 17 Delaware

WILLIAM & MARY (5-6)

Williamsburg, VA
S. 1 at UMass
S. 8 at VMI
S. 15 Villanova
S. 22 at East Carolina
S. 29 New Hampshire
O. 6 Hofstra
O. 13 at Rhode Island
O. 20 at Delaware
O. 27 Maine
N. 10 James Madison
N. 17 at Richmond

Big Sky

CAL ST.-NORTHBRIDGE (4-7)

Northridge, CA
A. 30 North Arizona
S. 15 Southwest Texas
S. 22 Stephen F. Austin
O. 6 Western Oregon
O. 13 UC Davis
O. 20 Troy State
O. 27 Eastern Washington
N. 3 Sacramento State
N. 10 Cal Poly
N. 17 Portland State

EASTERN WASHINGTON (6-5)

Cheney, WA
S. 8 at Connecticut
S. 15 at Idaho State
S. 22 Weber State
S. 29 at Montana
O. 6 Montana State
O. 13 Simon Fraser
O. 20 at Sacramento State
O. 27 Cal State-Northridge
N. 3 at Northern Arizona
N. 10 Portland State

IDAHO STATE (6-5)

Pocatello, ID
S. 8 Montana Tech
S. 15 Eastern Washington
S. 22 at Sacramento State
S. 29 Montana St.-Northern
O. 6 at Northern Arizona
O. 13 Portland State
O. 20 at Utah State
O. 27 at Weber State
N. 3 Montana
N. 10 at Montana State
N. 17 Southern Utah

MONTANA (13-2)

Missoula, MT
S. 1 at Cal Poly
S. 8 Hawaii@
S. 15 Idaho
S. 29 Eastern Washington
O. 6 at Sacramento State
O. 13 St. Mary's
O. 20 at Northern Arizona
O. 27 Portland State
N. 3 at Idaho State
N. 10 Weber State
N. 17 at Montana State
@War Memorial, Maui

MONTANA STATE (0-11)

Bozeman, MT
A. 30 at UAB
S. 8 Weber State
S. 15 at Oregon State
S. 22 at Cal Poly
O. 6 E. Washington
O. 13 Sacramento State
O. 27 North Arizona
N. 3 Portland State
N. 10 Idaho State
N. 17 Montana

NORTHERN ARIZONA (3-8)

Flagstaff, AZ
A. 30 Cal State-Northridge
S. 8 Stephen F. Austin
S. 15 at Oklahoma State
S. 22 at Southern Utah
S. 29 at Portland State
O. 6 Idaho State
O. 13 at Weber State
O. 20 Montana
O. 27 at Montana State
N. 3 Eastern Washington
N. 10 at Sacramento State

PORTLAND STATE (8-4)

Portland, OR
S. 1 at Stephen F. Austin
S. 8 at Troy State
S. 15 Sacramento State
S. 22 Grambling
S. 29 Northern Arizona
O. 13 at Idaho State
O. 20 Weber State
O. 27 at Montana
N. 3 Montana State
N. 10 at Eastern Washington
N. 17 Cal State-Northridge

SACRAMENTO STATE (7-4)

Sacramento, CA
S. 1 Saint Mary's
S. 8 at Cal Poly
S. 15 at Portland State
S. 22 Idaho State
S. 29 at Weber State
O. 6 Montana
O. 13 at Montana State
O. 20 Eastern Washington
O. 27 UC Davis
N. 3 at Cal State-Northridge
N. 10 Northern Arizona

WEBER STATE (7-4)

Ogden, UT
S. 1 at Southern Utah
S. 8 Montana State
S. 15 Eastern Oregon
S. 22 at Eastern Washington
S. 29 Sacramento State
O. 13 Northern Arizona
O. 20 at Portland State
O. 27 Idaho State
N. 3 Cal Poly
N. 10 at Montana
N. 17 at Utah State

Gateway

ILLINOIS STATE (7-4)

Normal, IL
A. 30 at Western Michigan
S. 8 at Murray State
S. 15 Eastern Illinois
S. 22 SE Missouri State
S. 29 Western Kentucky
O. 6 at Southern Illinois
O. 13 Western Illinois
O. 20 at Youngstown State
O. 27 Northern Iowa
N. 10 Indiana State
N. 17 at SW Missouri State

INDIANA STATE (1-10)

Terre Haute, IN
A. 30 at Tulsa
S. 8 at Eastern Illinois
S. 15 Western Illinois
S. 22 at Eastern Michigan
S. 29 Stephen F. Austin
O. 6 Youngstown State
O. 13 Western Kentucky
O. 20 at SW Missouri State
O. 27 Southern Illinois
N. 3 at Northern Iowa
N. 10 at Illinois State

NORTHERN IOWA (7-4)

Cedar Falls, IA
A. 30 Wayne State
S. 8 at Iowa State
S. 15 at Stephen F. Austin
S. 29 Youngstown State
O. 6 at Southern Illinois
O. 13 at Western Illinois
O. 27 at Illinois State
N. 3 Indiana State
N. 10 at Western Kentucky
N. 17 Cal Poly

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (3-8)

Carbondale, IL
S. 8 at SE Missouri State
S. 15 at Ball State
S. 22 Murray State
S. 29 at Western Illinois
O. 6 Illinois State
O. 20 Eastern Illinois
O. 27 at Indiana State
N. 3 Youngstown State
N. 10 SW Missouri State
N. 17 at Western Kentucky

SW MISSOURI STATE (5-6)

Springfield, MO
S. 1 at Kansas
S. 8 Midwestern State
S. 15 at Southeast Missouri
S. 22 Western Kentucky
O. 6 Northern Iowa
O. 13 at Youngstown State
O. 20 Indiana State
O. 27 at Western Illinois
N. 3 Drake
N. 10 at Southern Illinois
N. 17 Illinois State

WESTERN ILLINOIS (9-3)

Macomb, IL
A. 30 Western Kentucky
S. 15 at Indiana State
S. 22 at Youngstown State
S. 29 Southern Illinois
O. 6 Southern Utah
O. 13 at Illinois State
O. 20 Northern Iowa
O. 27 SW Missouri State
N. 3 at Sam Houston State
N. 10 at South Florida

WESTERN KENTUCKY (11-2)

Bowling Green, KY
A. 30 at Western Illinois
S. 8 Kentucky State
S. 15 at Wisconsin
S. 22 SW Missouri State
S. 29 at Illinois State
O. 6 Elon
O. 13 at Indiana State
O. 20 McNeese State
O. 27 at Youngstown State
N. 10 Northern Iowa
N. 17 Southern Illinois

YOUNGSTOWN STATE (9-3)

Youngstown, OH
A. 30 Lock Haven
S. 8 Clarion
S. 15 at Toledo
S. 29 Western Illinois
O. 6 at Indian State
O. 13 SW Missouri State
O. 20 Illinois State
O. 27 Western Kentucky
N. 3 at Southern Illinois
N. 17 Wofford

Ivy

BROWN (7-3)

Providence, RI
S. 15 at San Diego
S. 22 at Harvard
S. 29 Rhode Island
O. 6 Fordham
O. 13 Princeton
O. 20 at Cornell
O. 27 Penn
N. 3 at Yale
N. 10 Dartmouth
N. 17 at Columbia

COLUMBIA (3-7)

New York, NY
S. 15 at Fordham
S. 22 Bucknell
S. 29 at Princeton
O. 6 at Lafayette
O. 13 Penn
O. 20 at Dartmouth
O. 27 Yale
N. 3 Harvard
N. 10 at Cornell
N. 17 Brown

CORNELL (5-5)

Ithaca, NY
S. 15 Bucknell
S. 22 at Yale
S. 29 at Colgate
O. 6 Lehigh
O. 13 Harvard
O. 20 Brown
O. 27 at Princeton
N. 3 at Dartmouth
N. 10 Columbia
N. 17 at Penn

DARTMOUTH (2-8)

Hanover, NH
S. 15 at Colgate
S. 22 New Hampshire
S. 29 Penn
O. 6 at Yale
O. 13 at Holy Cross
O. 20 Columbia
O. 27 at Harvard
N. 3 Cornell
N. 10 at Brown
N. 17 Princeton

HARVARD (5-5)

Cambridge, MA
S. 15 Holy Cross
S. 23 at Brown
S. 30 at Lafayette
O. 7 Cornell
O. 14 Lehigh
O. 21 at Princeton
O. 28 at Dartmouth
N. 4 Columbia
N. 11 at Penn
N. 18 Yale

PENN (7-3)

Philadelphia, PA
S. 15 Lehigh
S. 22 at Lafayette
S. 29 at Dartmouth
O. 6 Holy Cross
O. 13 at Columbia
O. 20 Yale
O. 27 at Brown
N. 3 Princeton
N. 10 at Harvard
N. 17 Cornell

PRINCETON (3-7)

Princeton, NJ
S. 15 Lafayette
S. 22 at Lehigh
S. 29 Columbia
O. 6 Colgate
O. 13 at Brown
O. 20 at Harvard
O. 27 Cornell
N. 3 at Penn
N. 10 Yale
N. 17 at Dartmouth

YALE (7-3)

New Haven, CT
S. 15 at Towson
S. 22 Cornell
S. 29 at Holy Cross
O. 6 Dartmouth
O. 13 Fordham
O. 20 at Penn
O. 27 at Columbia
N. 3 Brown
N. 10 at Princeton
N. 17 Harvard

Metro Atlantic

CANISIUS (0-10)

Buffalo, NY
S. 8 Iona
S. 15 at Sacred Heart
S. 22 at LaSalle
S. 29 at Monmouth
O. 6 Albany
O. 13 at Siena
O. 20 Fairfield
O. 27 at Dayton
N. 3 Marist
N. 11 at St. Peter's
N. 18 at Duquesne

DUQUESNE (10-1)

Pittsburgh, PA
A. 30 VMI
S. 8 St. Peter's
S. 15 at Iona
S. 22 at Butler
S. 29 Dayton
O. 6 at Georgetown
O. 20 La Salle
O. 27 Siena
N. 3 at Fairfield
N. 10 at Marist
N. 17 Canisius

FAIRFIELD (8-2)

Fairfield, CT
A. 30 at Fairmont State
S. 8 Fordham
S. 15 Siena
S. 29 at Iona
O. 6 Marist
O. 13 at San Diego
O. 20 at Canisius
N. 3 Duquesne
N. 10 La Salle
N. 17 at St. Peter's

IONA (4-7)

New Rochelle, NY
S. 8 at Canisius
S. 15 Duquesne
S. 22 at Montclair
S. 29 Fairfield
O. 6 at St. Peter's
O. 13 Marist
O. 20 at Siena
O. 27 Sacred Heart
N. 3 at La Salle
N. 16 at St. John's

LA SALLE (7-4)

Philadelphia, PA
S. 8 at St. Francis
S. 15 at Marist
S. 22 Canisius
S. 29 Catholic
O. 6 at Siena
O. 13 St. Peter's
O. 20 at Duquesne
O. 27 St. John's
N. 3 Iona
N. 10 at Fairfield

MARIST (6-4)

Poughkeepsie, NY
S. 8 Frostburg State
S. 15 La Salle
S. 22 at Florida Atlantic
S. 29 St. Peter's

O. 6 at Fairfield
O. 13 at Iona
O. 27 Georgetown
N. 3 at Canisius
N. 10 Duquesne
N. 17 Siena

ST. PETER'S (4-7)

Jersey City, NJ
S. 1 Central Conn. State
S. 8 at Duquesne
S. 22 St. Francis
S. 29 at Marist
O. 6 Iona
O. 13 at La Salle
O. 20 at St. John's
O. 27 at Florida Atlantic
N. 3 at Siena
N. 10 Canisius
N. 17 Fairfield

SIENA (1-9)

Loudonville, NY
S. 8 at Hartwick
S. 15 at Stony Brook
S. 22 at Fairfield
S. 29 Sacred Heart
O. 6 LaSalle
O. 20 Iona
O. 27 at Duquesne
N. 3 St. Peter's
N. 17 at Marist

Mid-Eastern

BETHUNE-COOKMAN (9-2)

Daytona Beach, FL
S. 1 Morgan State@
S. 8 Florida Atlantic
S. 15 Savannah State#
S. 22 at Norfolk State
S. 29 Morris Brown
O. 6 Delaware State\$
O. 13 at SC State
O. 27 NC A&T
N. 3 Hampton
N. 10 at Howard
N. 17 Florida A&M*
@Jacksonville, FL
#Ft. Lauderdale, FL
\$Philadelphia, PA
*Orlando, FL

DELAWARE STATE (7-4)

Dover, DE
S. 1 at Florida A&M
S. 15 at NC A&T
S. 22 Liberty
S. 29 at Hampton
O. 6 Bethune-Cookman@
O. 20 Morgan State
O. 27 at SC State
N. 3 at Savannah State
N. 10 Norfolk State
N. 17 Howard
@Philadelphia, PA

FLORIDA A&M (9-3)

Tallahassee, FL
S. 1 Delaware
S. 8 Morgan
S. 15 vs. Grambling@
S. 22 vs. Tennessee State%
S. 29 at Howard
O. 6 vs. SC State#
O. 13 at NC A&T
O. 20 Norfolk State
O. 27 at Hampton
N. 3 Southern
N. 17 vs. Bethune-Cookman\$
@Cincinnati, OH
%Atlanta, GA
\$Jacksonville, FL
\$Orlando, FL

HAMPTON (7-4)

Hampton, VA
S. 1 New Hampshire
S. 8 Howard
S. 22 Virginia State
S. 29 Delaware State
O. 13 Norfolk State
O. 20 SC State
O. 27 Florida A&M
N. 3 Bethune-Cookman
N. 10 NC A&T
N. 17 Morgan State

HOWARD (3-8)

Washington, DC
S. 1 Jackson State@
S. 8 at Hampton
S. 22 at Morgan State
S. 29 Florida A&M
O. 6 Tennessee State#
O. 13 Benedict College
O. 20 NC A&T
O. 27 at Norfolk State
N. 3 SC State
N. 10 Bethune-Cookman
N. 17 at Delaware State
@Chicago, IL
#Indianapolis, IN

MORGAN STATE (1-10)

Baltimore, MD
S. 1 Bethune Cookman@
S. 8 at Florida A&M
S. 22 Howard
S. 29 Towson
O. 6 NC A&T
O. 13 Savannah State
O. 20 at Delaware State
O. 27 at Morris Brown
N. 3 Norfolk State
N. 10 SC State
N. 17 at Hampton
@Jacksonville, FL

NORFOLK STATE (3-8)

Norfolk, VA
S. 15 at SC State
S. 22 Bethune-Cookman
S. 29 NC A&T
O. 13 at Hampton
O. 20 at Florida A&M
O. 27 Howard
N. 3 at Murray State
N. 10 Delaware State

NC A&T (8-3)

Greensboro, NC
S. 2 at North Carolina
Central
S. 15 Delaware State
S. 22 at Elon
S. 29 at Norfolk State
O. 6 at Morgan State
O. 13 Florida A&M
O. 20 at Howard
O. 27 at Bethune-Cookman
N. 3 vs. Jackson State@
N. 10 Hampton
N. 17 vs. SC State\$
@Atlanta, GA
\$Charlotte, NC

SC STATE (3-8)

Orangeburg, SC
S. 1 at Morris Brown
S. 8 Savannah State
S. 15 Norfolk State
S. 29 at The Citadel
O. 6 at Florida A&M
O. 13 Bethune-Cookman
O. 20 at Hampton
O. 27 Delaware State
N. 3 at Howard
N. 10 at Morgan State
N. 17 at NC A&T

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Northeast

ALBANY (5-6)

Albany, NY
S. 1 Towson
S. 8 St. John's
S. 15 at Central Conn. State
S. 22 at Wagner
S. 29 Stony Brook
O. 6 at Canisius
O. 20 Sacred Heart
O. 27 at St. Francis
N. 3 at Monmouth
N. 10 Robert Morris
N. 17 at Florida Atlantic

CENTRAL CONN. STATE (4-6)

New Britain, CT
S. 1 at St. Peter's
S. 8 Sacred Heart
S. 15 Albany
S. 22 Monmouth
O. 6 at St. Francis
O. 13 at Wagner
O. 20 Robert Morris
N. 2 at St. John's
N. 10 at Stony Brook

MONMOUTH (5-6)

W. Long Branch, NJ
S. 8 Wagner
S. 15 Robert Morris
S. 22 at Central Conn. State
S. 29 Canisius
O. 6 C.W. Post
O. 13 at St. Francis
O. 20 at Stony Brook
O. 27 at Towson
N. 3 Albany
N. 10 St. John's
N. 17 at Sacred Heart

ROBERT MORRIS (10-0)

Corapolis, PA
S. 1 at Buffalo State
S. 8 Dayton
S. 15 at Monmouth
S. 22 Sacred Heart
S. 29 St. Francis
O. 13 at St. John's
O. 20 at Central Conn. State
O. 27 Wagner
N. 3 Stony Brook
N. 10 Albany

SACRED HEART (10-1)

Fairfield, CT
S. 8 at Central Conn. State
S. 15 Canisius
S. 22 at Robert Morris
S. 29 at Siena
O. 13 Stony Brook
O. 20 at Albany
O. 27 at Iona
N. 3 at Wagner
N. 10 St. Francis
N. 17 Monmouth

ST. FRANCIS (0-11)

Loretto, PA
S. 1 at Dayton
S. 8 La Salle
S. 15 St. John's
S. 22 at Saint Peter's
S. 29 at Robert Morris
O. 6 Central Conn. State
O. 13 Monmouth
O. 20 at Wagner
O. 27 Albany
N. 10 at Sacred Heart
N. 17 at Stony Brook

ST. JOHN'S (5-6)

New York, NY
S. 8 at Albany
S. 15 at St. Francis
S. 21 Stony Brook
S. 29 Wagner
O. 6 at Sacred Heart
O. 13 Robert Morris
O. 20 St. Peter's
O. 27 at La Salle
N. 2 Central Conn. State
N. 10 at Monmouth
N. 16 Iona

STONY BROOK (2-8)

Stony Brook, NY
S. 15 Siena
S. 21 at St. John's
S. 29 at Albany
O. 6 Wagner
O. 13 at Sacred Heart
O. 20 Monmouth
O. 27 Jacksonville
N. 3 at Robert Morris
N. 10 Central Conn. State
N. 17 St. Francis

WAGNER (6-5)

Staten Island, NY
S. 8 at Monmouth
S. 15 at Georgetown
S. 22 Albany
S. 29 at St. John's
O. 6 at Stony Brook
O. 13 Central Conn. State
O. 27 at Robert Morris
N. 3 Sacred Heart
N. 10 at San Diego

Ohio Valley

EASTERN ILLINOIS (8-4)

Charleston, IL
S. 8 Indiana State
S. 15 at Illinois State
S. 22 at Eastern Kentucky
S. 29 Tennessee Tech
O. 6 at San Diego State
O. 13 SE Missouri State
O. 20 at Southern Illinois
O. 27 Tennessee State
N. 1 at Tennessee-Martin
N. 10 at Florida Atlantic
N. 17 Murray State

EASTERN KENTUCKY (6-5)

Richmond, KY
A. 30 at Central Michigan
S. 8 Liberty
S. 15 at Elton
S. 22 Eastern Illinois
S. 29 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 6 Greenville State
O. 13 at Murray State
O. 20 at Southern Illinois
O. 27 Tennessee Tech
N. 3 at SE Missouri State
N. 10 Samford
N. 17 Tennessee State

MURRAY STATE (6-5)

Murray, KY
S. 1 at Ole Miss
S. 8 Illinois State
S. 15 North Alabama
S. 22 at Southern Illinois
O. 6 at Tennessee Tech
O. 13 Eastern Kentucky
O. 20 at SE Missouri State
N. 3 at Tennessee State
N. 10 Tennessee-Martin
N. 17 at Eastern Illinois

SE MISSOURI STATE (3-8)

Cape Girardeau, MO
S. 1 at Eastern Michigan
S. 8 Southern Illinois
S. 15 SW Missouri State
S. 22 at Illinois State
S. 29 at Tennessee State
O. 6 Tennessee-Martin
O. 13 at Eastern Illinois
O. 20 Murray State
O. 27 at Tennessee Tech
N. 3 Eastern Kentucky
N. 10 Quincy

TENNESSEE-MARTIN (2-9)

Martin, TN
A. 30 Gardner-Webb
S. 6 at Tusculum
S. 13 Kentucky Wesleyan
S. 29 Eastern Kentucky
O. 6 SE Missouri State
O. 13 Morehead State
O. 20 at Tennessee State
O. 27 at Samford
N. 1 Eastern Illinois
N. 8 at Murray State
N. 15 Tennessee Tech

TENNESSEE STATE (3-8)

Nashville, TN
S. 1 Alabama A&M
S. 15 at Jackson State
S. 22 at Florida A&M
S. 29 SE Missouri State
O. 6 Howard
O. 13 Miss. Valley State
O. 20 Tennessee-Martin
O. 27 at Eastern Illinois
N. 3 Murray State
N. 10 at Tennessee Tech
N. 17 at Eastern Kentucky
@Indianapolis, IN

TENNESSEE TECH (8-3)

Cookeville, TN
S. 8 at Air Force
S. 15 at Samford
S. 22 West Virginia Tech
S. 29 at Eastern Illinois
O. 6 Murray State
O. 20 at Eastern Kentucky
O. 27 SE Missouri State
N. 3 at Jacksonville State
N. 10 Tennessee State
N. 15 at Tennessee-Martin

Patriot

BUCKNELL (6-5)

Lewisburg, PA
S. 8 at Kent
S. 15 at Cornell
S. 22 at Columbia
S. 29 St. Mary's
O. 6 Towson
O. 13 at Lafayette
O. 20 Georgetown
O. 27 at Fordham
N. 3 Holy Cross
N. 10 Lehigh
N. 17 at Colgate

COLGATE (7-4)

Hamilton, NY
A. 30 at Villanova
S. 8 at Maine
S. 15 Dartmouth
S. 22 Fordham
S. 29 Cornell
O. 6 at Princeton
O. 20 Towson
O. 27 at Lafayette
N. 3 Lehigh
N. 10 at Holy Cross
N. 17 Bucknell

FORDHAM (3-8)

Bronx, NY
S. 8 at Fairfield
S. 15 Columbia
S. 22 at Colgate
S. 29 Georgetown
O. 6 at Brown
O. 13 at Yale
O. 20 Lehigh
O. 27 Bucknell
N. 3 at Lafayette
N. 10 at Towson
N. 17 Holy Cross

HOLY CROSS (7-4)

Worcester, MA
S. 8 Georgetown
S. 15 Harvard
S. 22 at Towson
S. 29 Yale
O. 6 at Penn
O. 13 Dartmouth
O. 20 Lafayette
O. 27 at Lehigh
N. 3 at Bucknell
N. 10 Colgate
N. 17 at Fordham

LAFAYETTE (2-9)

Easton, PA
S. 8 at Towson
S. 15 at Princeton
S. 22 Penn
O. 6 Columbia
O. 13 Bucknell
O. 20 at Holy Cross
O. 27 Colgate
N. 3 Fordham
N. 17 at Lehigh

LEHIGH (12-1)

Bethlehem, PA
S. 1 at Georgetown
S. 15 at Penn
S. 22 Princeton
O. 6 at Cornell
O. 13 Towson
O. 20 at Fordham
O. 27 Holy Cross
N. 3 at Colgate
N. 10 at Bucknell
N. 17 Lafayette

TOWSON (7-4)

Towson, MD
S. 1 at Albany
S. 8 Lafayette
S. 15 Yale
S. 22 Holy Cross
S. 29 at Morgan State
O. 6 at Bucknell
O. 13 at Lehigh
O. 20 at Colgate
O. 27 Monmouth
N. 10 Fordham
N. 17 at Georgetown

Pioneer

AUSTIN PEAY (2-8)

Clarksville, TN
A. 30 Campbellsville
S. 8 at Catawba
S. 15 at Dayton
S. 22 Valparaiso
S. 29 Jacksonville
O. 6 at Virginia-Wise
O. 13 at Charleston Southern
O. 20 Kentucky Wesleyan
O. 27 at Morehead State
N. 3 St. Joseph's
N. 10 at Davidson

BUTLER (2-8)

Indianapolis, IN
S. 1 at St. Francis
S. 8 Morehead State
S. 22 Duquesne
S. 29 Albion
O. 6 Valparaiso
O. 20 at San Diego
O. 27 Drake
N. 2 Quincy
N. 10 at Southern Utah

DAVIDSON (10-0)

Davidson, NC
S. 1 Valparaiso
S. 8 at Jacksonville
S. 15 Drake
S. 22 at Emory & Henry
O. 6 at Morehead State
O. 13 at Georgetown
O. 20 at Randolph-Macon
O. 27 Hampden-Sydney
N. 3 at Centre
N. 10 Austin Peay

DAYTON (8-3)

Dayton, OH
S. 1 St. Francis
S. 8 at Robert Morris
S. 15 Austin Peay
S. 22 at Morehead State
S. 29 at Duquesne
O. 6 San Diego
O. 13 Butler
O. 20 at Drake
O. 27 Canisius
N. 3 Valparaiso
N. 10 at St. Mary's

DRAKE (7-4)

Des Moines, IA
S. 1 at Truman
S. 8 St. Ambrose
S. 15 at Davidson
S. 22 Quincy
S. 29 at San Diego
O. 6 Florida Atlantic
O. 13 at Valparaiso
O. 20 Dayton
O. 27 at Butler
N. 3 at SW Missouri State
N. 10 at Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE (3-8)

Jacksonville, FL
S. 1 at Lenoir-Rhyne
S. 8 Davidson
S. 15 Morehead State
S. 29 at Austin Peay
O. 6 Charleston Southern
O. 13 at Florida Atlantic
O. 20 Virginia-Wise
O. 27 at Stony Brook
N. 3 Western Maryland
N. 10 Drake

MOREHEAD STATE (6-3)

Morehead, KY
A. 30 Tusculum
S. 8 at Butler
S. 15 at Jacksonville
S. 22 Dayton
S. 29 Valparaiso
O. 6 Davidson
O. 13 at Tennessee-Martin
O. 27 Austin Peay
N. 3 at Kentucky Wesleyan
N. 10 at Tiffin

SAN DIEGO (4-6)

San Diego, CA
S. 1 Azusa Pacific
S. 8 at Redlands
S. 15 Brown
S. 29 Drake
O. 6 at Dayton
O. 13 Fairfield
O. 20 Butler
O. 27 at Valparaiso
N. 3 Georgetown
N. 10 Wagner

VALPARAISO (7-4)

Valparaiso, IN
S. 1 at Davidson
S. 8 Hope
S. 15 Wisconsin-Eau Claire
S. 22 at Austin Peay
S. 29 at Morehead
O. 6 at Butler
O. 13 Drake
O. 20 St. Joseph's
O. 27 San Diego
N. 3 at Dayton
N. 10 at Aurora

Southern Conference

APPALACHIAN ST. (10-4)

Boone, NC
S. 1 Liberty
S. 8 at Wake Forest
S. 15 at Troy State
S. 22 at The Citadel
S. 29 East Tennessee State
O. 6 at Furman
O. 13 Georgia Southern
O. 20 at Wofford
O. 27 Chattanooga
N. 3 at VMI
N. 10 Western Carolina

CHATTANOOGA (5-6)

Chattanooga, TN
A. 30 at Samford
S. 8 at Memphis
S. 15 Kentucky State
S. 22 at Georgia Southern
S. 29 Wofford
O. 13 at VMI
O. 20 Western Carolina
O. 27 at Appalachian State
N. 3 The Citadel
N. 10 at East Tennessee State
N. 17 Furman

THE CITADEL (2-9)

Charleston, SC
S. 1 at Georgia Tech
S. 15 at Western Carolina
S. 22 Appalachian State
S. 29 SC State
O. 6 at East Tennessee State
O. 13 Furman
O. 20 at Georgia Southern
O. 27 Wofford
N. 3 at Chattanooga
N. 11 VMI

EAST TENN. STATE (6-5)

Johnson City, TN
S. 1 at Pittsburgh
S. 8 Gardner-Webb
S. 15 at VMI
S. 22 Western Carolina
S. 29 at Appalachian State
O. 6 The Citadel
O. 20 at Furman
O. 27 Georgia Southern
N. 3 at Wofford
N. 10 Chattanooga
N. 17 at Charleston Southern

FURMAN (9-3)

Greenville, SC
S. 1 at Wyoming
S. 8 Elon
S. 15 at Jacksonville State
S. 22 VMI
S. 29 at Western Carolina
O. 6 Appalachian State
O. 13 at The Citadel
O. 20 East Tennessee State
N. 3 at Georgia Southern
N. 10 Wofford
N. 17 at Chattanooga

GEORGIA SOUTHERN (13-2)

Statesboro, GA
S. 1 Savannah State
S. 8 Delaware
S. 15 at Wofford
S. 22 Chattanooga
S. 29 at VMI
O. 6 Western Carolina
O. 13 at Appalachian State
O. 20 The Citadel
O. 27 at East Tennessee State
N. 3 Furman
N. 10 at Elton

WESTERN CAROLINA (4-7)

Cullowhee, NC
A. 30 Mars Hill
S. 8 at Louisville
S. 15 The Citadel
S. 22 at East Tennessee State
S. 29 Furman
O. 6 at Georgia Southern
O. 13 Chattanooga
O. 20 at Chattanooga
O. 27 VMI
N. 3 Liberty
N. 10 at Appalachian State

VMI (2-9)

Lexington, VA
A. 30 at Duquesne
S. 8 William & Mary
S. 15 East Tennessee State
S. 22 at Furman
S. 29 Georgia Southern
O. 6 at Wofford
O. 13 Chattanooga
O. 27 at Western Carolina
N. 3 Appalachian State
N. 10 at The Citadel
N. 17 Samford

WOFFORD (7-4)

Spartanburg, SC
S. 8 at Clemson
S. 15 Georgia Southern
S. 22 Charleston Southern
S. 29 at Chattanooga
O. 6 VMI
O. 13 at Western Carolina
O. 20 Appalachian State
O. 27 at The Citadel
N. 3 East Tennessee State
N. 10 at Furman
N. 17 Youngstown State

Southland

JACKSONVILLE ST. (4-6)

Jacksonville, AL
A. 30 Cumberland
S. 8 Nicholls State
S. 15 McNeese State
S. 22 at Arkansas State
O. 6 at Stamford
O. 13 at Stephen F. Austin
O. 20 SW Texas State
O. 27 at Northwestern State
N. 3 Tennessee Tech
N. 10 at Sam Houston
N. 17 at Troy State

MCNEESE STATE (8-4)

Lake Charles, LA
 S. 1 at Texas A&M
 S. 8 Prairie View A&M
 S. 15 at Jacksonville State
 S. 22 Alcorn State
 S. 29 West Virginia Tech
 O. 6 Stephen F. Austin
 O. 13 at Southwest Texas
 O. 20 at Western Kentucky
 O. 27 Sam Houston
 N. 10 Northwestern State
 N. 17 at Nicholls State

NICHOLLS STATE (1-10)

Thibodaux, LA
 S. 1 Louisiana-Lafayette
 S. 8 Jacksonville State
 S. 15 Arkansas State
 S. 22 Troy State
 S. 29 Samford
 O. 13 Sam Houston
 O. 20 Northwestern State
 O. 27 Southwest Texas
 N. 3 Stephen F. Austin
 N. 10 Grambling
 N. 17 McNeese State

NORTHWESTERN STATE (6-5)

Natchitoches, LA
 S. 1 at Southern
 S. 8 Henderson State
 S. 15 Gardner-Webb
 S. 22 at TCU
 O. 6 at Sam Houston
 O. 20 Nicholls
 O. 27 Jacksonville State
 N. 3 at SW Texas State
 N. 10 at McNeese
 N. 17 Stephen F. Austin

SAM HOUSTON (7-4)

Huntsville, TX
 S. 1 at Louisiana-Monroe
 S. 8 Tarleton State
 S. 22 at Northern Illinois
 O. 6 Northwestern State
 O. 13 at Nicholls State
 O. 20 Stephen F. Austin
 O. 27 at McNeese State
 N. 3 Western Illinois
 N. 10 Jacksonville State
 N. 17 at SW Texas State

STEPHEN F. AUSTIN (6-5)

Nacogdoches, TX
 S. 1 Portland State
 S. 8 at Northern Arizona
 S. 15 Northern Iowa
 S. 22 Cal State-Northridge
 S. 29 at Indiana State
 O. 6 at McNeese State
 O. 13 Jacksonville State
 O. 20 at Sam Houston
 N. 3 Nicholls State
 N. 10 Southwest Texas
 N. 17 at Northwestern State

SW TEXAS STATE (7-4)

San Marcos, TX
 A. 30 Arkansas-Monticello
 S. 8 at Missouri
 S. 15 at Cal State-Northridge
 S. 22 Angelo State
 O. 6 Portland State
 O. 13 McNeese State
 O. 20 at Jacksonville State
 O. 27 at Nicholls State
 N. 3 Northwestern State

N. 10 at Stephen F. Austin
 N. 17 Sam Houston

SWAC**ALABAMA A&M (7-5)**

Huntsville, AL
 S. 1 at Tennessee State
 S. 8 at Grambling
 S. 15 at Miss. Valley State
 S. 22 Texas Southern
 S. 29 Jackson State
 O. 6 at Southern
 O. 13 Morris Brown
 O. 20 Miles College
 O. 27 Alabama State@
 N. 10 at Alcorn State
 N. 17 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
 @Birmingham, AL

ALABAMA STATE (6-5)

Montgomery, AL
 S. 8 Alcorn State
 S. 15 at Texas Southern
 S. 22 Southern@
 S. 29 Johnson C. Smith
 O. 6 at Jackson State
 O. 20 at Arkansas-Pine-Bluff
 O. 27 Alabama A&M#
 N. 3 Grambling
 N. 10 Clark-Atlanta
 N. 17 at Miss. Valley State
 N. 22 Tuskegee
 @Mobile, AL
 #Birmingham, AL

ALCORN STATE (0-11)

Lorman, MS
 S. 1 Grambling
 S. 8 at Alabama State
 S. 15 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
 S. 22 at McNeese State
 S. 29 at Fort Valley State
 O. 13 Samford
 O. 20 Prairie View A&M
 O. 27 Cal Poly
 N. 3 Miss. Valley State
 N. 10 Alabama A&M
 N. 18 at Jackson State

ARKANSAS-PINEBLUFF (6-5)

Pine Bluff, AR
 S. 1 Miss. Valley State
 S. 8 at Southern
 S. 15 Alcorn State
 S. 29 Kentucky State@
 O. 6 Texas Southern
 O. 13 Grambling#
 O. 20 Alabama State
 O. 27 at Jackson State
 N. 3 at Prairie View A&M
 N. 10 Lane College
 N. 17 at Alabama A&M
 @St. Louis, MO
 #Shreveport, LA

GRAMBLING (10-2)

Grambling, LA
 S. 1 at Alcorn State
 S. 8 Alabama A&M
 S. 15 at Florida A&M
 S. 22 at Portland State
 S. 29 at Prairie View A&M
 O. 13 Arkansas-Pine Bluff@
 O. 20 at Jackson State
 O. 27 Texas Southern
 N. 3 at Alabama State
 N. 10 at Nicholls State
 N. 24 at Southern

JACKSON STATE (7-4)

Jackson, MS
 S. 1 Howard@
 S. 15 Tennessee State#
 S. 22 at Miss. Valley State
 S. 29 at Alabama A&M
 O. 6 Alabama State
 O. 13 Southern
 O. 20 Grambling
 O. 27 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
 N. 3 NC A&T*
 N. 10 at Prairie View A&M
 N. 17 Alcorn State
 @Chicago, IL
 #Memphis, TN
 *Atlanta, GA

MISS. VALLEY STATE (2-9)

Itta Bena, MS
 S. 1 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
 S. 8 at Delta State
 S. 15 Alabama A&M
 S. 22 Jackson State
 O. 6 at Prairie View A&M
 O. 13 at Tennessee State
 O. 20 Texas Southern
 O. 27 Southern@
 N. 3 at Alcorn State
 N. 10 at Nicholls State
 N. 17 Alabama State
 @Shreveport, LA

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M (1-10)

Prairie View, TX
 S. 1 Texas Southern
 S. 8 at McNeese State
 S. 15 at Southern
 S. 22 Texas A&M-Kingsville
 S. 29 Grambling@
 O. 6 Miss. Valley State
 O. 13 Paul Quinn
 O. 20 at Alcorn State
 N. 3 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
 N. 10 Jackson State
 @Dallas, TX

SOUTHERN (6-5)

Baton Rouge, LA
 S. 1 Northwestern State
 S. 8 Arkansas-Pine Bluff
 S. 15 Prairie View A&M
 S. 22 vs. Alabama State@
 S. 29 vs. Tulane#
 O. 6 Alabama A&M
 O. 13 at Jackson State
 O. 27 vs. Miss. Valley State*
 N. 3 at Florida A&M
 N. 10 at Texas Southern
 N. 24 vs. Grambling State#
 @Mobile, AL
 #New Orleans, LA
 *Shreveport, LA

TEXAS SOUTHERN (8-3)

Houston, TX
 S. 2 Prairie View A&M
 S. 8 at UTEP
 S. 15 Alabama State
 S. 22 at Alabama A&M
 S. 29 at Langston
 O. 6 at Arkansas-Pine Bluff
 O. 20 at Miss. Valley State
 O. 27 at Grambling
 N. 3 Morris Brown
 N. 10 Southern
 N. 17 Southwestern

I-AA Independents**CAL POLY (3-8)**

San Luis Obispo, CA
 S. 1 Montana
 S. 8 Sacramento State
 S. 15 at St. Mary's
 S. 22 at Montana State
 S. 29 Western Washington
 O. 13 Southern Utah
 O. 20 at UC Davis
 O. 27 at Alcorn State
 N. 3 at Weber State
 N. 10 Cal State-Northridge
 N. 17 at Northern Iowa

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN (5-6)

Charleston, SC
 S. 1 North Greenville
 S. 8 Presbyterian College
 S. 15 West Virginia State
 S. 22 at Wofford
 O. 6 at Jacksonville
 O. 20 Samford
 O. 27 at Elon
 N. 10 Liberty
 N. 17 East Tennessee State

ELON (7-4)

Elon, NC
 S. 1 at James Madison
 S. 8 at Furman
 S. 15 Eastern Kentucky
 S. 22 NC A&T
 S. 29 Garner-Webb
 O. 6 at Western Kentucky
 O. 20 Hofstra
 O. 27 Charleston Southern
 N. 3 at Samford
 N. 10 Georgia Southern

GEORGETOWN (5-6)

Washington, DC
 S. 1 Lehigh
 S. 8 at Holy Cross
 S. 15 Wagner
 S. 29 at Fordham
 O. 6 Duquesne
 O. 13 Davidson
 O. 20 at Bucknell
 O. 27 at Marist
 N. 3 at San Diego
 N. 10 Lafayette
 N. 17 Towson

LIBERTY (3-8)

Lynchburg, VA
 S. 1 at Appalachian State
 S. 8 at Eastern Kentucky
 S. 15 Furman
 S. 22 Delaware State
 S. 29 Wingate
 O. 13 at Central Florida
 O. 20 at Gardner-Webb
 O. 27 at South Florida
 N. 3 at Western Carolina
 N. 10 at Charleston Southern
 N. 17 Hofstra

ST MARY'S (6-5)

Moraga, CA
 S. 1 at Sacramento State
 S. 8 Humboldt State
 S. 15 Cal Poly
 S. 22 Central Washington
 S. 29 at Bucknell
 O. 6 UC Davis
 O. 13 at Montana
 O. 20 at Florida Atlantic
 O. 27 at Northeastern
 N. 3 Southern Utah
 N. 10 Dayton

SAMFORD (4-7)

Birmingham, AL
 A. 30 Chattanooga
 S. 15 Cal Poly
 S. 22 at Gardner-Webb
 S. 29 at Nicholls State
 O. 6 Jacksonville State
 O. 13 at Alcorn State
 O. 20 at Charleston Southern
 O. 27 Tennessee-Martin
 N. 3 Elon
 N. 10 at Eastern Kentucky
 N. 17 at VMI

SOUTHERN UTAH (7-4)

Cedar City, UT
 S. 1 Weber State
 S. 8 Mesa State
 S. 15 at South Florida
 S. 22 Northern Arizona
 S. 29 Western Oregon
 O. 6 at Western Illinois
 O. 13 at Cal Poly
 O. 27 at Troy State
 N. 3 at St. Mary's
 N. 10 Butler
 N. 17 at Idaho State

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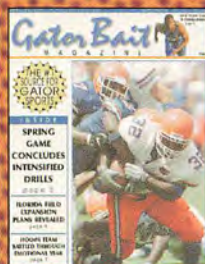
National Top 100 Freshmen of 2001

Player	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Signed By	Player	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	Signed By
1. Eric Shelton	RB	6'3"	230	Lexington, KY	Florida State	51. Gerard Ross	DB	6'2"	190	Jacksonville, FL	Florida State
2. Joe Mauer	QB	6'4"	205	St. Paul, MN	Florida State	52. Corey Mays	LB	6'1"	234	Chicago, IL	Notre Dame
3. Brodie Croyle	QB	6'2"	185	Rainbow City, AL	Alabama	53. Larry Fitzgerald	WR	6'3"	205	Richfield, MN	Prep School
4. Jabari Davis	RB	6'0"	230	Stone Mountain, GA	Tennessee	54. C.J. Fayton	QB	6'2"	190	Virginia Beach, VA	Tennessee
5. Kevin Jones	RB	6'1"	205	Chester, PA	Virginia Tech	55. Seymore Shaw	RB	6'0"	210	Shawnee, OK	Oklahoma
6. Shaun Cody	DL	6'5"	255	Hacienda Heights, CA	USC	56. Matt Leinart	QB	6'6"	200	Santa Anna, CA	USC
7. Reggie Williams	WR	6'4"	215	Tacoma, WA	Washington	57. Brett Bell	DB	6'0"	190	Wheaton, IL	Wisconsin
8. Marquis Hill	DL	6'7"	290	New Orleans, LA	LSU	58. Joseph Addai	RB	6'0"	195	Houston, TX	LSU
9. Roscoe Crosby	WR	6'2"	190	Buffalo, SC	Clemson	59. Pierre Woods	DL	6'6"	225	Cleveland, OH	Michigan
10. Carnell Williams	RB	5'11"	185	Eotawah, AL	Auburn	60. Jeff Littlejohn	DL	6'3"	300	Gaffney, SC	Junior College
11. Tommie Harris	DL	6'3"	275	Killeen, TX	Oklahoma	61. Derron Johnson	DB	6'3"	200	Memphis, TN	Memphis
12. Ben Wilkerson	OL	6'4"	275	Hemphill, TX	LSU	62. Mark Anderson	DL	6'7"	260	Lewistown, MT	Stanford
13. Michael Craven	LB	6'1"	220	LaQuinta, CA	Stanford	63. Russell Lovett	ATH	6'3"	230	Thornton, CO	Colorado
14. Kelly Baraka	RB	6'0"	180	Portage, MI	Michigan	64. Kellen Clemens	QB	6'2"	193	Burns, OR	Oregon
15. Leon Williams	LB	6'4"	220	Brooklyn, NY	Miami	65. Stephen Jackson	RB	6'1"	210	Las Vegas, NV	Oregon State
16. Anttaj Hawthorne	DL	6'3"	310	Hamden, CT	Wisconsin	66. Mike Bell	RB	6'1"	205	Phoenix, AZ	Arizona
17. Marcus Spears	TE	6'5"	280	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU	67. Montrell Jones	WR	6'2"	185	Louisville, KY	Tennessee
18. Ahmad Carroll	DB	5'11"	190	Atlanta, GA	Arkansas	68. Maurice Hall	RB	5'10"	180	Columbus, OH	Ohio State
19. Cedric Houston	RB	6'0"	205	Clarendon, AR	Tennessee	69. Charles Frederick	WR	6'0"	190	Boca Raton, FL	Washington
20. Chris Spencer	OL	6'4"	305	Madison, MS	Ole Miss	70. Casey Paus	QB	6'4"	210	New Lenox, IL	Washington
21. Cecil Howard	QB	6'3"	215	McKeesport, PA	Syracuse	71. Antrel Rolle	DB	6'1"	205	Homestead, FL	Miami
22. D.J. Shockley	QB	6'1"	175	College Park, GA	Georgia	72. Marquis Elmore	LB	6'3"	220	Folkston, GA	Georgia
23. George Gause	DL	6'5"	235	Conway, SC	South Carolina	73. Chauncey Davis	LB	6'1"	235	Auburndale, FL	Florida State
24. Jerome Carter	DB	6'0"	208	Lake City, FL	Florida State	74. Carlos Campbell	WR	6'1"	190	Hampton, VA	Notre Dame
25. J.R. Lemon	RB	6'1"	213	Fayetteville, GA	Stanford	75. Willie Jones	LB	6'1"	200	Miami, FL	Florida State
26. Michael Clayton	WR	6'4"	185	Baton Rouge, LA	LSU	76. Orien Harris	DL	6'4"	280	Newark, DE	Miami
27. Kevin Simon	LB	5'11"	225	Concord, CA	Tennessee	77. Marvin Simmons	LB	6'1"	225	Compton, CA	USC
28. Marlin Jackson	DB	6'1"	180	Sharon, PA	Michigan	78. Titus Adams	DL	6'4"	285	Omaha, NE	Nebraska
29. Adrian McPherson	QB	6'3"	178	Bradenton, FL	Florida State	79. David Underwood	RB	6'0"	220	Madisonville, TX	Michigan
30. Mark LeVair	TE	6'7"	310	Eden Prairie, MN	Notre Dame	80. Morris Virgil	RB	5'10"	185	Urbana, IL	Illinois
31. Craphonso Thorpe	WR	6'2"	185	Tallahassee, FL	Florida State	81. Tramain Hall	DB	5'11"	170	Deerfield Beach, FL	NC State
32. Dominic Robinson	DB	6'2"	192	Diamond Bar, CA	Florida State	82. Anthony Mix	WR	6'5"	202	Bay Minette, AL	Auburn
33. Patrick Estes	TE	6'7"	240	Richmond, VA	Virginia	83. James Buchanan	RB	6'2"	235	Sarasota, FL	Florida State
34. Damien Nash	RB	5'11"	195	East St. Louis, IL	Missouri	84. Brett Basanez	QB	6'1"	175	Arlington Heights, IL	Northwestern
35. Pat Massey	DL	6'8"	235	Brecksville, OH	Michigan	85. Mike Robinson	QB	6'3"	210	Richmond, VA	Penn State
36. Ernest Shazor	DB	6'4"	210	Detroit, MI	Michigan	86. Charles Rush	DL	6'3"	280	Erie, PA	Penn State
37. Matt Roth	LB	6'4"	245	Villa Park, IL	Iowa	87. Taye Biddle	WR	6'1"	180	Decatur, AL	Ole Miss
38. Lorenzo Alexander	OL	6'3"	280	Oakland, CA	California	88. Robert Strickland	WR	6'4"	205	Detroit, MI	Michigan State
39. Matt Ware	DB	6'3"	195	Malibu, CA	UCLA	89. Zachary Giles	OL	6'4"	285	Marshfield, MA	Notre Dame
40. Derek Anderson	QB	6'6"	230	Scappoose, OR	Oregon State	90. Thomas Derricks	DL	6'1"	295	Garland, TX	Northwestern
41. Robert Boulware	DB	5'10"	180	Charlotte, NC	Tennessee	91. Jerome Janet	WR	5'11"	190	Broken Arrow, OK	Kansas State
42. De'Arrius Howard	RB	6'0"	205	West Memphis, AR	Arkansas	92. Jonathan Scott	DL	6'7"	285	Dallas, TX	Texas
43. Quan Cosby	WR	5'10"	190	Mart, TX	Texas	93. Justin Holland	QB	6'3"	190	Lakewood, CO	Colorado State
44. Blake Larsen	OL	6'7"	304	Atlantic, IA	Iowa	94. Angelo Chattams	WR	5'11"	180	Dayton, OH	Ohio State
45. Lemarcus Rowell	LB	6'3"	230	Opelika, AL	Auburn	95. Junior Taylor	WR	6'2"	185	Gilbert, AZ	UCLA
46. Tyler Reed	DL	6'6"	305	Pittsburgh., PA	Penn State	96. Ingle Martin	QB	6'3"	210	Nashville, TN	Florida
47. Lydell Ross	RB	6'0"	205	Tampa, FL	Ohio State	97. Brandon Brokaw	RB	6'2"	230	Morrisville, PA	Boston College
48. Fred Gibson	WR	6'4"	180	Waycross, GA	Georgia	98. Kyle Orton	QB	6'3"	205	Runnells, IA	Purdue
49. Cedric Benson	RB	6'0"	200	Midland, TX	Texas	99. Keith Carter	TE	6'4"	250	Downingtown, PA	UCLA
50. Airese Currie	WR	5'11"	175	Columbia, SC	Clemson	100. David Koral	QB	6'2"	215	Malibu, CA	Vanderbilt

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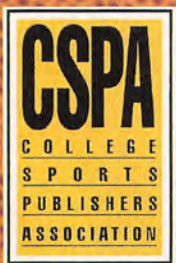
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| 1. Florida State | 11. Kansas State | 21. USC | 31. Iowa | 41. Mississippi State |
| 2. LSU | 12. Notre Dame | 22. Oregon | 32. Florida | 42. Arizona |
| 3. Michigan | 13. Clemson | 23. Texas A&M | 33. Kansas | 43. Arizona State |
| 4. Washington | 14. Georgia | 24. Ole Miss | 34. Virginia | 44. Colorado |
| 5. Oklahoma | 15. Georgia Tech | 25. Oregon State | 35. South Carolina | 45. Alabama |
| 6. Miami | 16. Ohio State | 26. Auburn | 36. Illinois | 46. Missouri |
| 7. Tennessee | 17. Penn State | 27. Arkansas | 37. North Carolina | 47. Northwestern |
| 8. Texas | 18. Wisconsin | 28. Boston College | 38. Purdue | 48. Washington State |
| 9. Nebraska | 19. Virginia Tech | 29. Pittsburgh | 39. Texas Tech | 49. Michigan State |
| 10. UCLA | 20. NC State | 30. Stanford | 40. California | 50. Maryland |

ACC

1. FLORIDA STATE

Another dominant class for the Seminoles. Nobody does it better.

2. CLEMSON

Tommy Bowden is now loaded at wide receiver.

3. GEORGIA TECH

Quarterback was a big need for the future and the future looks bright as the Wreck hits the jackpot.

4. NC STATE

Best class in many years for the Wolfpack. Amato and company find gold in the Sunshine State.

5. VIRGINIA

Melvin Massey should push for early playing time at linebacker. Solid class in year number one for Al Groh.

6. NORTH CAROLINA

Solid overall haul for the Tar Heels. The harsh reality is that the coming years must produce better recruiting results if they expect to climb back near the top of the ACC.

7. MARYLAND

Ralph Friedgen lands defensive gems in his first campaign.

8. DUKE

Defensive back Alex Green was the star of this class.

9. WAKE FOREST

Dominic Robinson can help at tailback.

BIG 10

1. MICHIGAN

Simply, top to bottom, a great all around class for the Wolverines.

2. OHIO STATE

Solid class including 10 from the state of Ohio. Terrific tailbacks coming to Columbus.

3. PENN STATE

Defensive lineman Charles Rush will put a smile on Joe Pa's face.

4. WISCONSIN

Another good haul for Alvarez and company. Watch out for defensive back Brett Bell.

5. IOWA

Hawkeyes sign six recruits from the fertile state of Florida.

6. ILLINOIS

Good class to complement last year's solid group. Coach Ron Turner signs 15 defensive players.

7. PURDUE

Well balanced class on both sides of the ball. Linebacker Brent Grover is underrated.

8. NORTHWESTERN

Randy Walker's program signs players from 14 different states.

9. MICHIGAN STATE

Hulking lineman Matthias Askew comes to play.

10. INDIANA

Florida product, Ted Pace, is a top caliber safety/linebacker.

11. MINNESOTA

Gophers try to keep pace with a decent class.

BIG 12

1. OKLAHOMA

Bob Stoops signs a consensus top notch class with 29 newcomers and 15 from Texas.

2. TEXAS

The big guys up front get the job done as the Longhorns sign six highly touted offensive linemen.

3. NEBRASKA

Typical big, strong class for the Huskers.

4. KANSAS STATE

New Jersey product Ayo Saba is a load at running back.

5. TEXAS A&M

Receiver Bryant Singleton is a playmaker the Aggies will enjoy watching. Tailback Derek Farmer was a huge pickup.

6. KANSAS

One of the better classes in recent memory for the Jayhawks, including nine juco recruits.

7. TEXAS TECH

Juco receiver Anton Paige has a chance to star immediately.

8. COLORADO

Bufs are definitely set a quarterback.

9. MISSOURI

Tailback Damien Nash is a phenomenal talent.

10. IOWA STATE

Juco recruits, Seneca Wallace and Dustin Ochs, are expected to compete for the vacated quarterback position.

11. OKLAHOMA STATE

New coach Les Miles has some catching up to do.

12. BAYLOR

Coach Kevin Steele has a reputation as a very good recruiter. He needs time to get it done in Waco.

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Recruiting Report

BIG EAST

1. MIAMI

Tremendous class that certainly rivals Florida State's. Great mixture of in-state and out-of-state talent.

2. VIRGINIA TECH

The stud of the class is obviously tailback Kevin Jones who is a superstar in the making. Athlete Cedric Humes is underrated.

3. BOSTON COLLEGE

Perhaps the most surprising class in the league. Eagles fans should be elated.

4. PITTSBURGH

Nice mixture of both offense and defense. Standout linebacker Joe Dipre originally committed to Kentucky only to sign with the Panthers.

5. SYRACUSE

Slightly below average haul for the Orangemen by their standards. Cornerback Larry McClain can lock on and play press coverage with the best of them.

6. WEST VIRGINIA

Tight end Josh Bailey should make them happy in Morgantown.

7. RUTGERS

Tailback Rikki Cook has the right stuff.

8. TEMPLE

Receiver Jamel Harris can stretch defenses.

C-USA

1. HOUSTON

Very good class for the Cougars as the state of Texas provides the much-needed talent.

2. SOUTHERN MISS

Derrick Ducksworth is a stud linebacker.

3. TCU

New coach Gary Patterson finds the talent.

4. TULANE

Signing Tristan Smith was a coup.

5. EAST CAROLINA

Is Paul Troth the next star quarterback in Greenville?

6. UAB

Watson Brown can't wait to get his hands on a talent such as quarterback/athlete Darrell Hackney.

7. LOUISVILLE

John L. Smith likes a high-powered offense and kicker Caleb Leavitt will help him light up the scoreboard.

8. MEMPHIS

Bluff City talent staying at home for once.

9. CINCINNATI

Signing quarterback Gino Guidugli in late March was a huge boost for the Bearcats.

10. ARMY

Does not release its list.

MOUNTAIN WEST

1. COLORADO STATE

Clearly tops in the league and perhaps underrated regionally. Look for big things out of quarterback Justin Holland.

2. UTAH

Receiver Lynzell Jackson is a future All-American in Salt Lake City.

3. UNLV

Receiver Earvin Johnson will hook up nicely with quarterback Jason Thomas.

4. SAN DIEGO STATE

Aztecs hit the juco ranks for help at receiver, offensive line and defensive line.

5. WYOMING

Book ends Zach Morris and Drew Severn will help the defensive line.

6. BYU

Juco recruits lead the way for the Cougars.

7. AIR FORCE

Defensive back Tyler Hess comes from California highly rated.

8. NEW MEXICO

Big guys up front to help the cause for coach Rocky Long.

PAC-10

1. WASHINGTON

Terrific class for the Huskies lead by offensive talent like quarterback Casey Paus and receivers such as Reggie Williams and Charles Frederick.

2. UCLA

Very Good class despite losing some key targets. The new Bruin defensive backs come very highly acclaimed.

3. USC

Excellent and well-rounded first class for Pete Carroll.

4. OREGON

Can 24 excellent recruits get the Ducks back to the Rose Bowl?

5. OREGON STATE

Dennis Erickson signs nine players that fall into the defensive line category.

6. STANFORD

Georgia Peach J.R. Lemon is taking his immense running skills to the West Coast.

7. CALIFORNIA

Cornerbacks Terrell Williams and Ryan Foltz can play press coverage with the best of them.

8. ARIZONA

Quarterback Nic Costa arrives in Tucson with a big-time arm.

9. ARIZONA STATE

Defensive back Lamar Baker leads the Sun Devils' class.

10. WASHINGTON STATE

Tight ends Troy Bienemann and Tim Burnette arrive with major credentials.



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□ East Carolina	\$1,285,000	□ South Carolina	\$1,720,000
□ Florida	\$2,250,000	□ Southern Calif. (USC)	\$1,240,000
□ Florida State	\$2,080,000	□ Southern Mississippi	\$1,525,000
□ Fresno State	\$1,180,000	□ Stanford	\$875,000
□ Georgia	\$1,250,000	□ Syracuse	\$1,220,000
□ Georgia Tech	\$1,840,000	□ Temple	\$360,000
□ Idaho	\$550,000	□ Tennessee	\$2,110,000
□ Illinois	\$1,075,000	□ Texas	\$2,175,000
□ Indiana	\$965,000	□ Texas A&M	\$1,265,000
□ Iowa	\$350,000	□ Texas Christian	\$835,000
□ Iowa State	\$1,135,000	□ Texas El Paso	\$650,000
□ Kansas State	\$1,730,000	□ Texas Tech	\$750,000
□ Kentucky	\$660,000	□ Toledo	\$1,000,000
□ Louisiana Tech	\$510,000	□ Tulane	\$610,000
□ Louisville	\$1,100,000	□ UCLA	\$1,625,000
□ LSU	\$1,550,000	□ Utah	\$715,000
□ Marshall	\$1,350,000	□ Virginia	\$775,000
□ Maryland	\$825,000	□ Virginia Tech	\$1,765,000
□ Miami-Florida	\$2,205,000	□ Washington	\$1,785,000
□ Miami-Ohio	\$390,000	□ Washington State	\$350,000
□ Michigan	\$1,870,000	□ West Virginia	\$1,005,000
□ Michigan State	\$1,090,000	□ Western Michigan	\$790,000
□ Minnesota	\$950,000	□ Wisconsin	\$1,170,000
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□ Mississippi State	\$1,475,000		
□ Navy	\$300,000		
□ Nebraska	\$2,050,000		

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Every Interception = 1 point

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Recruiting Report

SEC

1. LSU

The Tigers signed, perhaps, their best class in history and met all of their needs. Quarterback Rick Clausen is the younger brother of Tennessee's Casey Clausen and could compete for immediate playing time.

2. TENNESSEE

Targeted tailbacks, linebacker and defensive backs and met needs well. Juco safety Julian Battle and one of the tailbacks (Jabari Davis or Cedric Houston) has a chance to start immediately.

3. GEORGIA

Finished strong in Mark Richt's first campaign in signing defensive end Robert Geathers and receiver Fred Gibson.

4. OLE MISS

Hit paydirt with offensive linemen Chris Stephens and Cornelius Stallings. Jeremy Ruffin could help defense quickly at linebacker.

5. AUBURN

Carnell Williams could be the biggest impact newcomer in SEC.

6. ARKANSAS

Signing cover corner "Batman" Carroll was, perhaps, the biggest upset in recruiting this last year.

7. FLORIDA

Not a highly rated class, but the Gators met their needs, which was adding quality depth overall.

8. SOUTH CAROLINA

Juco quarterback Corey Jenkins should push for the starting position.

9. MISSISSIPPI STATE

Jackie Sherrill and staff are the nation's best at evaluating jucos.

10. ALABAMA

Quarterback Brodie Croyle will star at the Capstone.

11. VANDERBILT

Receivers Jason Mathenia and Jerrin Holt are the athletes coach Woody Widenhofer has been looking for.

12. KENTUCKY

Guy Morriss trying to right the ship as most of the state's top players chose to go elsewhere.

SUNBELT

1. MTSU

Tight end Quan Domineck was one of the premier players at his position in America. Watch out for safeties Andre Green and LaRue Beck, who are big hitters.

2. IDAHO

The top newcomers are defensive stalwarts Nathan Nichols, a safety, and Mike Bonelli, a defensive end.

3. NORTH TEXAS

Highly regarded defensive lineman Chris Miller helps the cause.

4. ARKANSAS STATE

Tailback Antonio Warren could help the Indians quickly.

5. LOUISIANA-MONROE

Topping this class is linebacker Shelton Williams of Texas.

6. LOUISIANA-LAFAYETTE

Five juco recruits supplement this class.

7. NEW MEXICO STATE

Juco recruits dominate this class.

WAC

1. SAN JOSE STATE

Look for defensive back Eric Wilson to please the defense with press coverage.

2. HAWAII

Congrats to coach June Jones on his recovery and an excellent class.

3. RICE

Quarterback Kevin Ford heads solid group.

4. TULSA

Defensive stalwarts Brandon Lohr and Chris Benson come with aggressiveness.

5. LOUISIANA TECH

Expect exciting things from Freddie King.

6. NEVADA

Defensive lineman Tim Sylvester leads way.

7. SMU

Watch for quarterback Richard Bartel and receiver Jay Taylor to hook up in the future.

8. FRESNO STATE

Decent class, with the leader being juco defensive back Demorieaux Reneau.

9. BOISE STATE

Six defensive backs dominate this class.

10. UTEP

Future of this class will be determined by work ethic.



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Steven Bright	6'4"	200	Greer, SC
Duwaun Burton	6'5"	225	Charlotte, NC
Gavin Dickey	5'11"	175	Tallahassee, FL
Trent Edwards	6'5"	190	Los Gatos, CA
Matt Gutierrez	6'5"	200	Concord, CA
Evan Kraky	6'3"	190	Jermyn, PA
Omar Jacobs	6'3"	200	Delray Beach, FL
Rhett Lashley	6'3"	190	Springdale, AR
Reggie McNeal	6'3"	170	Lufkin, TX
Ryan O'Hara	6'5"	195	Monrovia, CA
Chris Olsen	6'4"	220	Wayne Hills, NJ
Drew Olson	6'2"	190	Piedmont, CA
Tyler Palko	6'2"	200	Imperial, PA
Perry Patterson	6'4"	215	Lancaster, PA
Marcus Vick	6'2"	190	Warwick, VA
Vincent Young	6'5"	190	Houston, TX
Justin Zwick	6'4"	205	Massillon, OH

RUNNING BACKS

Jason Allen	6'1"	195	Muscle Shoals, AL
Lorenzo Booker	5'10"	180	Ventura, CA
Brian Calhoun	5'10"	180	Oak Creek, WI
Ryan Cole	6'0"	205	Port Orchard, WA
Frederick Collins	6'1"	195	La Quinta, CA
Scott Davis	6'0"	200	Kennewick, WA
Hersche Dennis II	5'10"	175	Longbeach, CA
Ciatrick Fason	5'11"	195	Jacksonville, FL
Kenny James	5'10"	185	Dos Palos, CA
T.A. McClendon	6'1"	210	Albemarle, NC
Rashawn Mosley	5'10"	170	San Antonio, TX
Phillip Norwood	6'0"	190	Brandon, MS
Ronnie Osborne	6'0"	190	Piedmont, OK
Dedric Poole	5'11"	195	Little Rock, AR
Gerald Riggs, Jr.	6'0"	215	Chattanooga, TN
Malcolm Ruff	6'1"	210	Baltimore, MD
Kane Smaller	6'0"	215	Canon City, CO
Tre Smith	5'11"	185	Venice, FL
Brent Thomas	6'0"	185	Atlanta, GA
James Tunstalle	6'0"	200	New Richmond, WV
Jawan Walker	5'11"	170	Erie, PA
Mario Whitney	6'0"	190	Jackson, MO
J.R. Zwierzynski	6'0"	215	Joliet, IL

WIDE RECEIVERS

Andre Chattams	6'0"	180	Dayton, OH
Daniel Coates	6'2"	200	Layton, UT
Antonio Cromartie	6'3"	200	Tallahassee, FL
Billy Gaines	5'8"	165	Ijamsville, MD
Tom Guardi	6'0"	175	Brookfield, IL
Jared Gulling	5'10"	170	North Canton, OH
Josh Hannum	6'0"	175	Strath Haven, PA
John Harris	5'10"	175	Americus, GA
Jeron Hayes	5'9"	180	Lebanon, PA
Santonio Holmes	6'0"	180	Belle Glade, FL
Broderick Jones	5'10"	165	Ennis, TX
Mark LeFlore	6'1"	185	Omaha, NE
Edorian McCullough	5'10"	175	North Garland, TX
Xaveir McGuire	6'5"	200	Dallas, TX
Rhema McKnight	6'2"	190	Kennedy, CA
Ryan Moore	6'4"	180	Orlando, FL
Mario Raley	6'1"	190	Charlotte, NC
L'Tydrick Riley	6'4"	210	Crockett, TX
Agim Shabaj	5'10"	180	Farmington Hills, MI
Carl Tabb	6'3"	180	Ann Arbor, MI
Leon Washington	5'10"	170	Jacksonville, FL
Darren Williams	6'3"	190	Clarksdale, MS

TIGHT ENDS

George Cooper	6'5"	250	Westerville, OH
Lonnie Davis	6'5"	230	Jacksonville, FL
John Doucette	6'3"	240	New Orleans, LA
J.J. Hair	6'6"	230	Capistrano Valley, CA
Sean Harmon	6'4"	250	Edmond, OK
Marcedes Lewis	6'6"	235	Long Beach, CA
J.D. Reynolds	6'1"	225	Midwest City, OK
Stan White, Jr.	6'3"	230	Baltimore, MD
Eric Winston	6-6	270	Midland, TX

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Justin Blalock	6'4"	320	Plano, TX
Mark Burgess	6'5"	300	Tampa, FL
Ryan Carter	6'5"	320	South Lake, FL
Doug Datish	6'5"	290	Warren, OH
Mike Donaldson	6'6"	330	Mansfield, OH
Timmy Duckworth	6'4"	325	Taylorville, MS
Jeff Edwards	6'7"	240	Atlanta, GA
Mark Farris	6'5"	290	Pittsburgh, PA
John Henry	6'5"	310	Nashville, TN
Walter Hill	6'5"	325	Texarkana, AR
Winston Justice	6'6"	300	Long Beach, CA
Bob Kochendofer	6'5"	300	Metamora, IL
Derek Landri	6'3"	270	Concord, CA
Brad Lee	6'4"	265	Hephzibah, GA
Fred Matua	6'3"	300	Wilmington, CA
Derek Morris	6'5"	325	N. Mecklenburg, NC
Bobby Morton	6'4"	305	McKinney, TX
Cory Ray	6'3"	275	Damascus, MD
Nathan Rhodes	6'7"	320	Bakersfield, CA
Rob Sims	6'4"	290	Nordonia, OH
Rob Smith	6'5"	285	Fort Thomas, KY
Phillip Walls	6'3"	275	Tyler, TX

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Larry Dibbles	6'3"	260	Lancaster, TX
Ellis Dumervil	6'2"	275	Miami, FL
Kedric Goldston	6'5"	280	Tyrone, GA
Larry Harrison	6'3"	290	Detroit, MI
Willie Henderson	6'6"	290	Memphis, TN
Jonathan Lewis	6'2"	285	Richmond, VA
Anthony Littlejohn	6'3"	300	Gaffney, SC
Jonathon Mapu	6'3"	260	Kahuku, HI
Marco Martin	6'4"	300	Mesquite, TX
Brian Mattes	6'5"	250	Wyoming, PA
Raymond McCullough	6'2"	290	Daytona Beach, FL
Marco Morton	6'3"	290	Mesquite, TX
Haloti Ngata	6'4"	305	Salt Lake City, UT
Quinn Pitcock	6'4"	290	Piqua, OH
Bryan Pickryl	6'5"	230	Jenks, OK
Chase Pittman	6'5"	250	Shreveport, LA
Chase Pressley	6'4"	270	Fort Smith, AR
Kasey Stoddard	6'3"	255	Littleton, CO
Tim Volk	6'3"	245	Sherman Oaks, CA
Kyle Williams	6'3"	280	Rustin, LA
Manual Wright	6'6"	280	Long Beach, CA
Roderick Wright	6'5"	300	Alief, TX

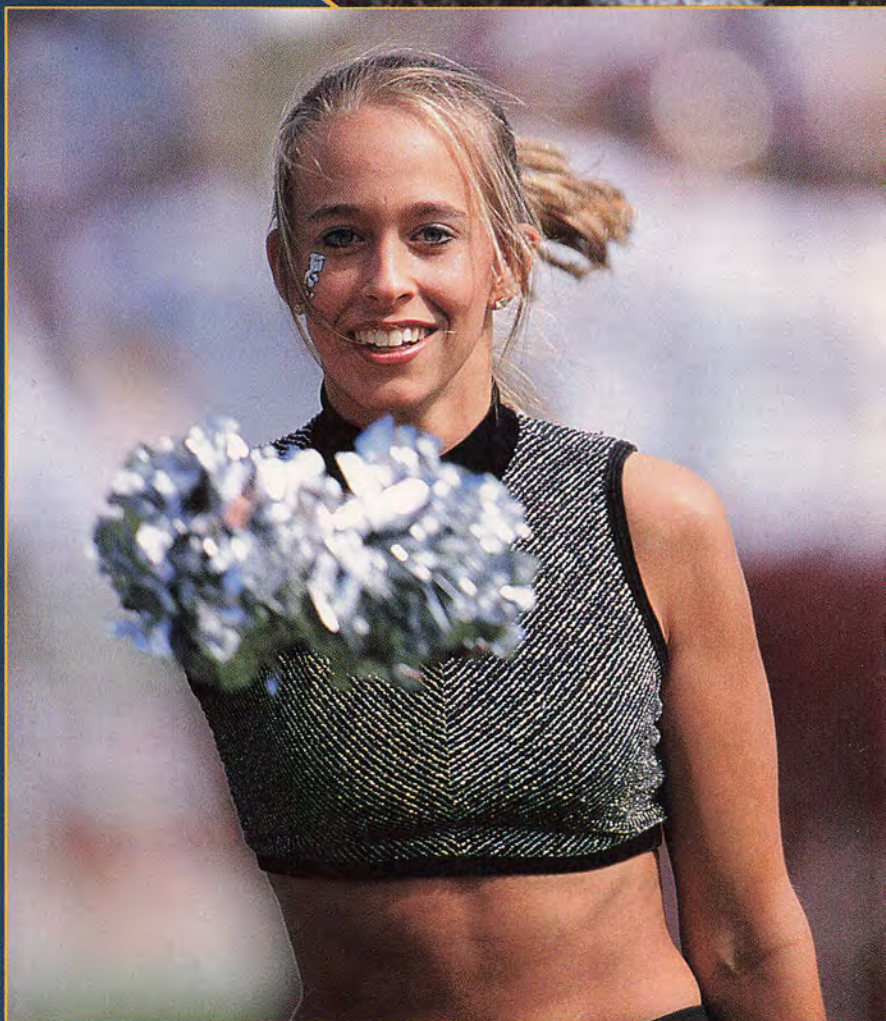
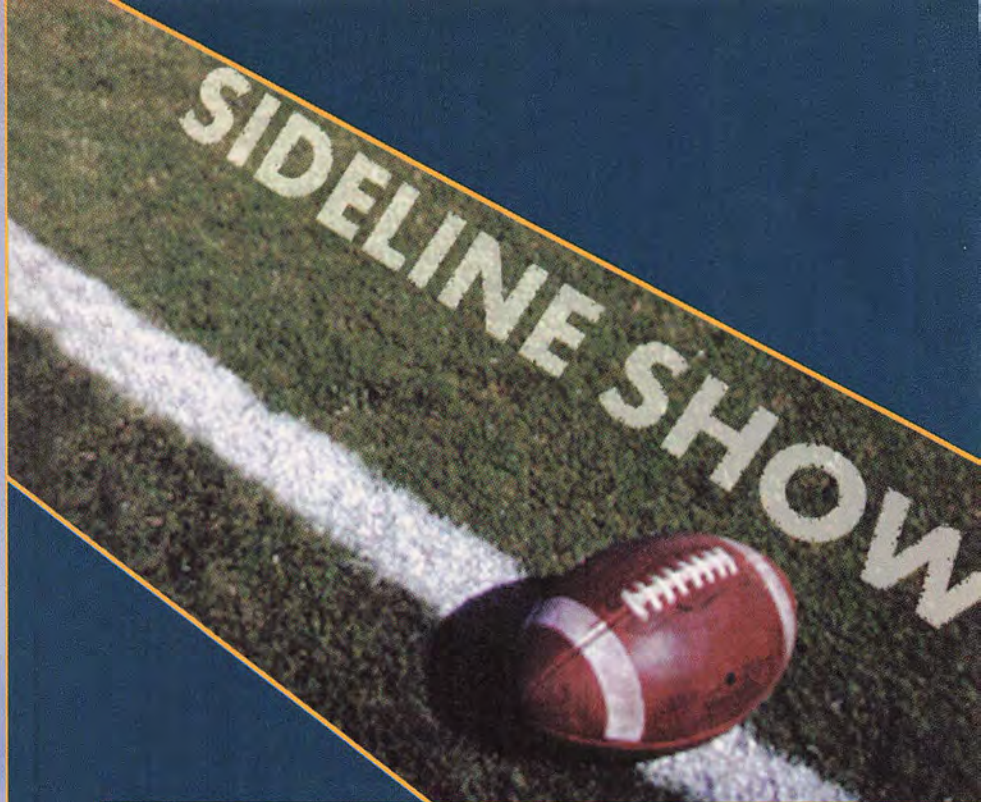
LINEBACKERS

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Darnell Bing	6'2"	210	Long Beach, CA
Ahmad Brooks	6'2"	230	Woodbridge, VA
Mike D'Andrea	6'3"	235	Avon Lake, OH
Buster Davis	6'0"	230	Daytona Beach, FL
Kevin Flood	6'1"	205	Dallas, TX
Aaron Harris	6'0"	230	Mesquite, TX
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Chris Herring	6'2"	245	Batesville, MS
Berkley Hutchinson	6'2"	225	Long Beach, NJ
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Kevin Kane	6'1"	215	Kansas City, MO
Mike Kudla	6'4"	235	Medina, OH
Justin London	6'1"	215	Roanoke, VA
Patrick Lowery	6'2"	220	Davie, NC
AJ Nicholson	6'2"	230	Winston Salem, NC
Kai Parham	6'3"	225	Virginia Beach, VA
Zaron Shanks	6'2"	230	Lincolnton, GA
Garnett Smith	6'3"	210	Arlington, TX
Jeremy Van Alstyne	6'3"	235	Center Grove, IN
Thaddeus Washington	6'0"	235	Marrero, LA

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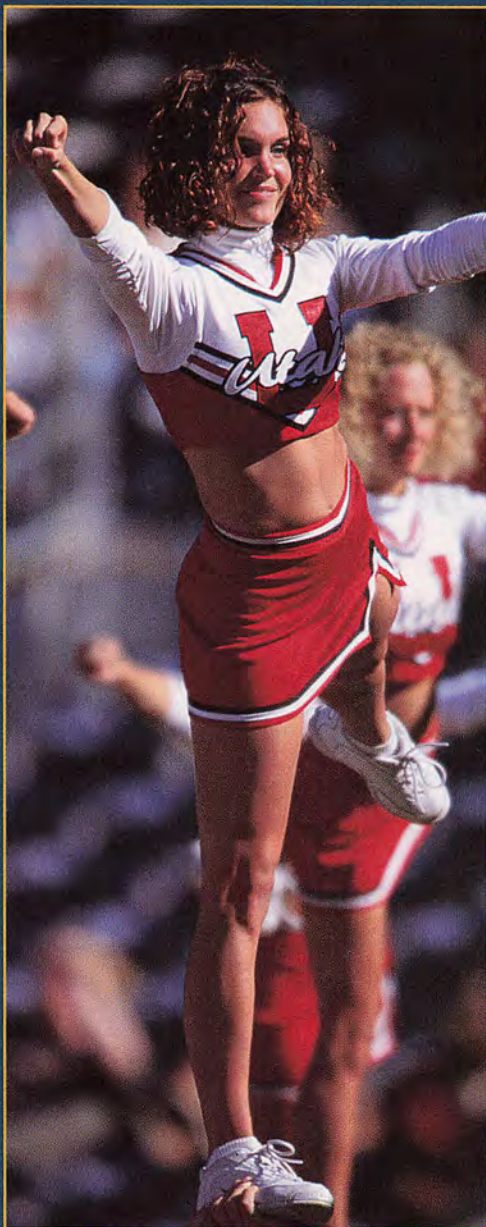
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Scott Davis	6'1"	200	Kennewick, WA
Dominic Dixon	5'11"	175	Seattle, WA
Jeff Francoeur	6'3"	185	Lilburn, GA
Sammy Joseph	6'0"	180	New Orleans, LA
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A.J. Martinez	6'0"	180	Huntington Beach, CA
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Glenn Sharpe	5'11"	180	Miami, FL
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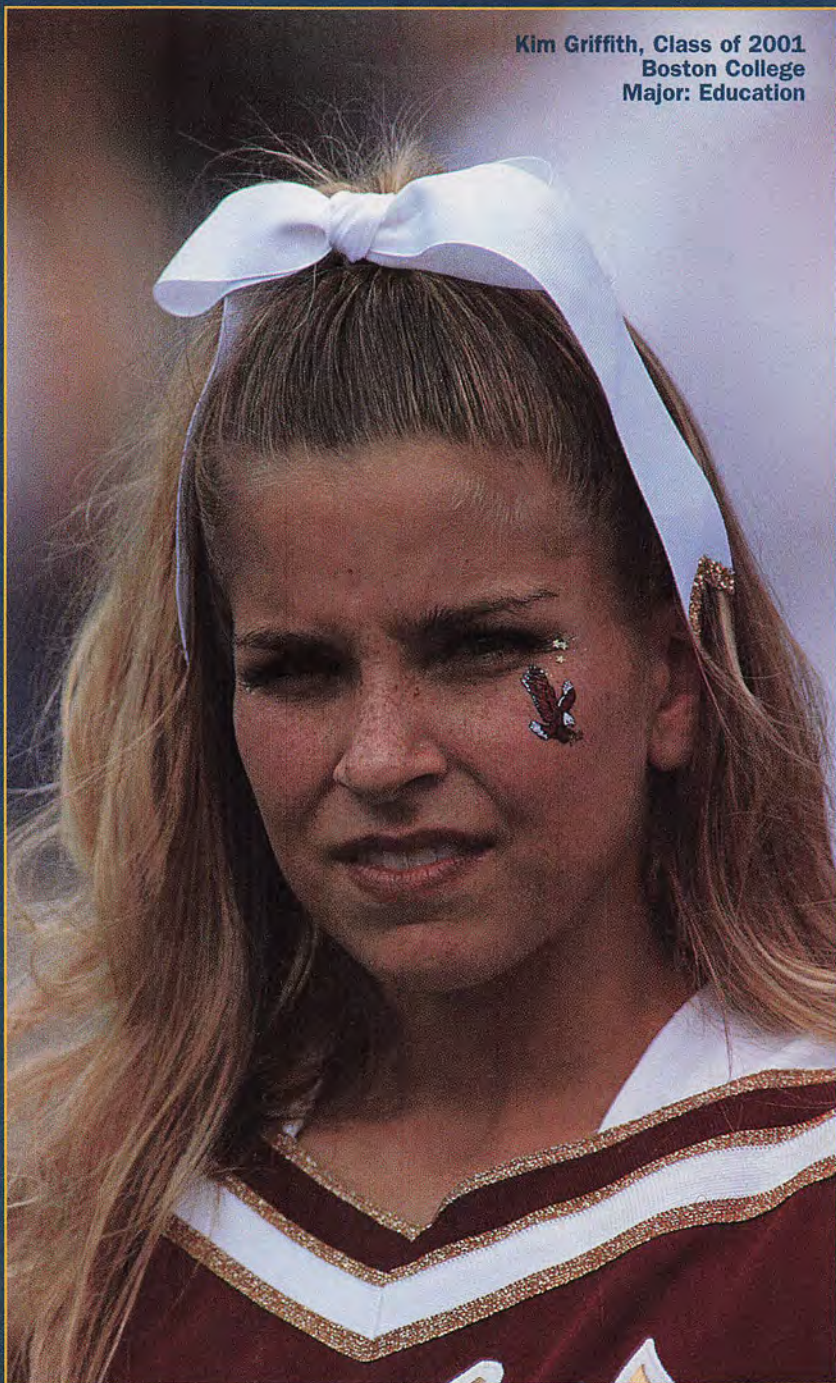
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Katie West, Class of 2004
Mississippi State
Major: Biological Science
Hometown: Columbus, MS



Matt Brown

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Utah
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Hometown: Holladay, UT



Al Kossira

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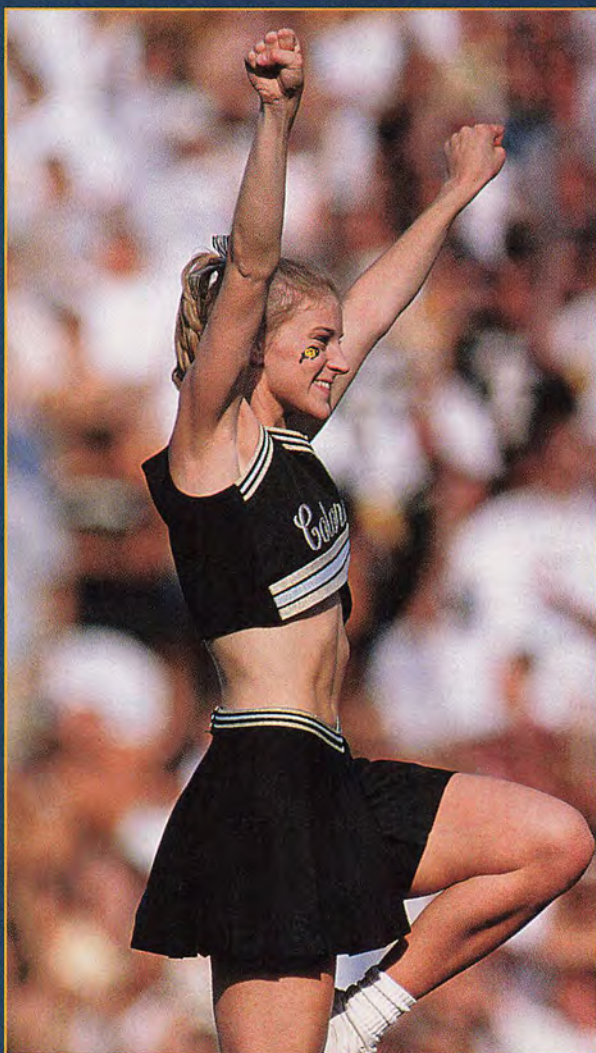


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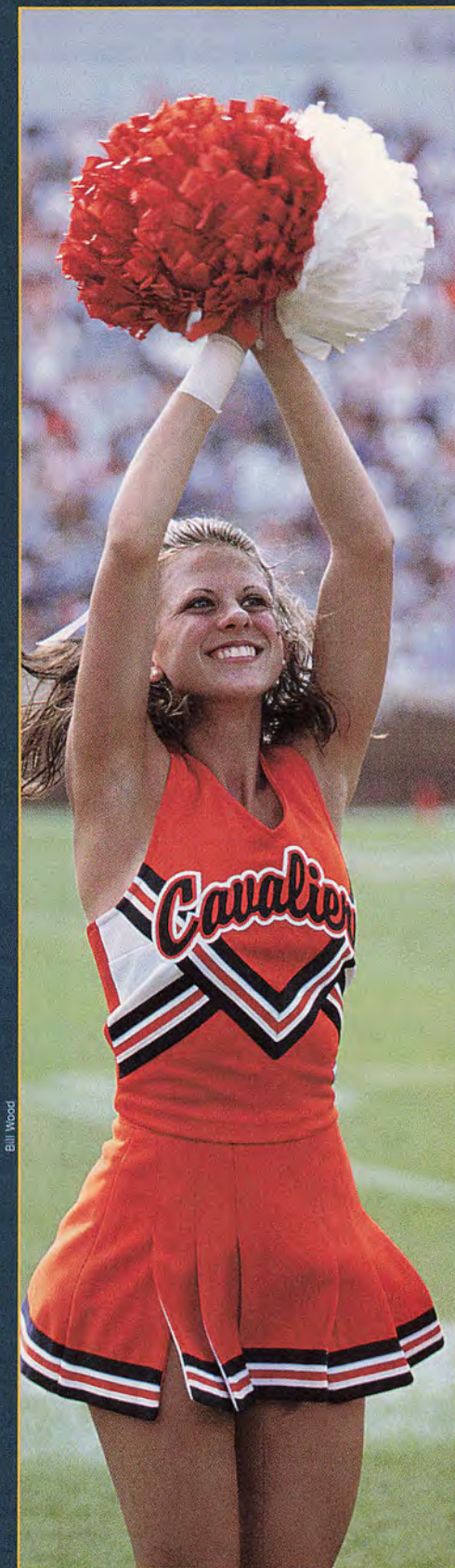
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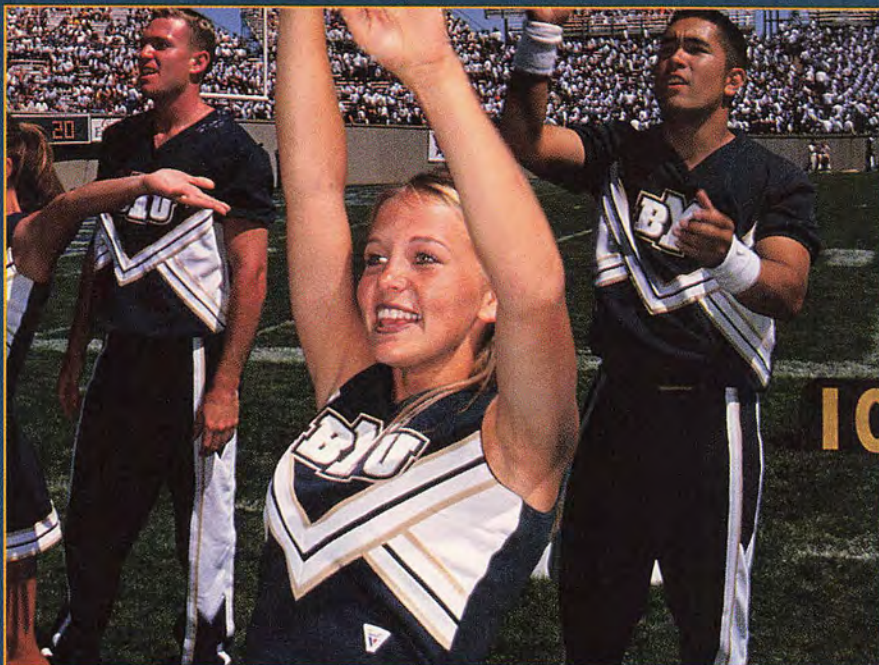
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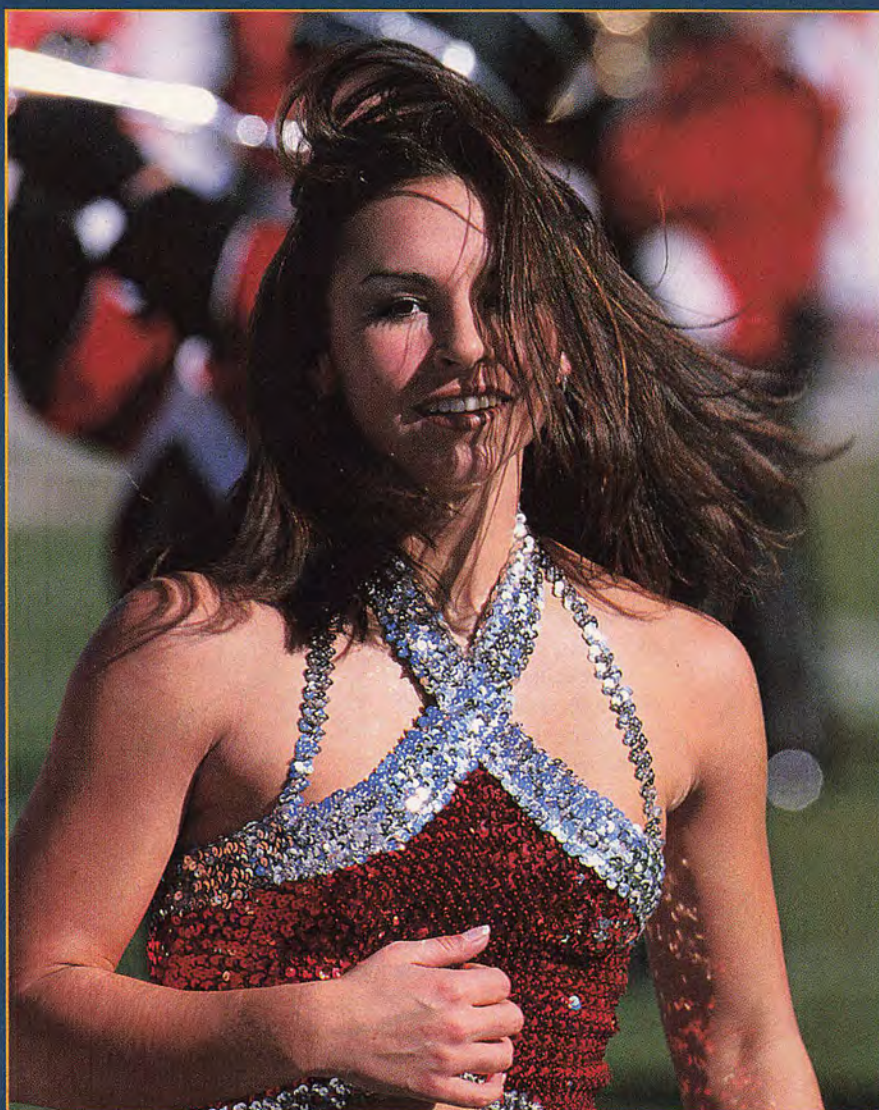


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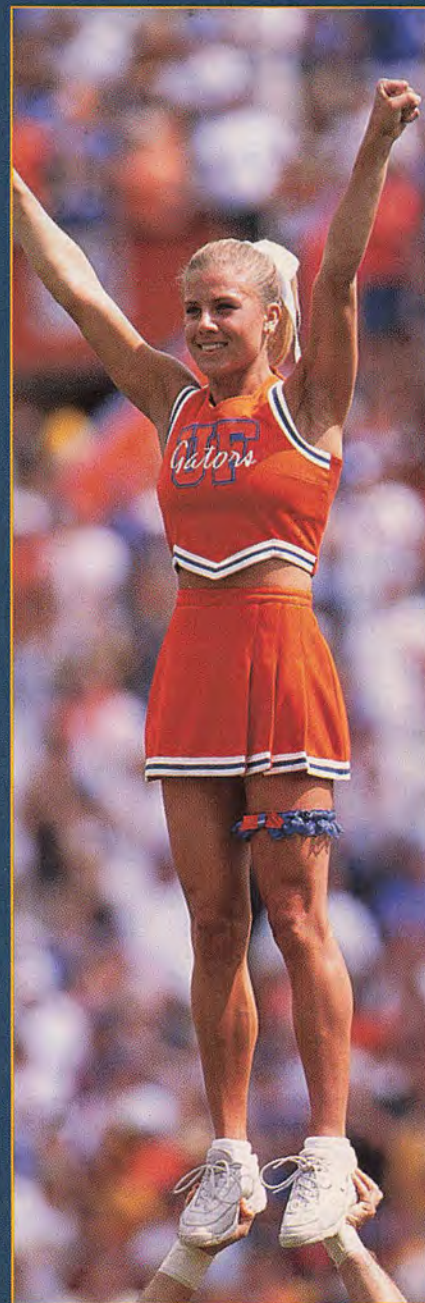
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Game Day Gatherings

A tailgating primer for the novice or the experienced parking-lot partier

by Heather Hodde

Recruiting...

Procreate and have lots of children. This is a smart way to build a solid foundation for your tailgating team. The key is to start your children on the fan-track early. Always dress them in team attire! You can buy jerseys, cheerleading outfits, t-shirts, press-on tattoos, etc., at your local sporting goods store.

Create an Heirloom. Make sure that at the first home game of every tailgating season you take a picture of the individual child tailgater or a tailgater family photo. These pictures need to be placed in the tailgater family album. Each year you should include the following in the album:

1. The tailgater family portrait
2. The individual's portrait
3. Game ticket stub
4. A clipping of the local newspaper's sports page with the date of the game
5. A recipe of a dish served at the tailgate

When your child has children of his or her own, you can turn the Tailgating Family album over to them. Additionally, the album will serve as a key recruiting tool to influence friends and neighbors to join the team. If you are very dedicated, you may even want to place a guest book at your tailgate to keep track of your friends and visitors over the years.

Make tailgating fun for everyone. Allow yourself and your children to eat candy and junk food. Allow the children to help you set up the tailgate area and

grill the food. Bring face paint and a football small enough for little hands. Make sure you have plenty of seating for the more seasoned tailgaters. Sun block is a must for those day games. Your tailgating team turnover will be slim to none if you keep everyone's happiness and comfort level in mind.

Create a football atmosphere. Hang banners and signs with the team colors. Show the other mascot being trampled or mutilated. Most importantly, play your team's fight song. This is sure to fire up a bunch of tailgaters.



Tim Umphrey

How to Make Your Own Grill

1. Throw a keg party.
The next day, when everyone is completely sober...
2. Take a circular saw and place the blade on backwards (it will cut through metal better than if it is facing forward).
Cut the length of keg using the circular saw.
3. Take a reciprocating saw and cut the top and bottom of the keg. Make sure these cuts line up with the cuts you made along the length of the keg.
4. Use a hammer to knock out the metal rod and ball bearings inside the keg.
5. Use a hand-held grinder to smooth the edges of your cuts.
6. Make the legs to the grill by using copper tubing or another metal conduit. Bend the copper tubing to match the shape of the keg-grill. Make sure that the bottom of the grill, or grill pan, is the portion of the keg that does not have the tap on it. You want the tap to be on the top portion of the grill.
7. Drill a hole in the tubing and keg.
8. Attach the legs with steel pop rivets.
9. Join the top and bottom of the grill using hinges of your choice.
10. Buy a handle at your local hardware store that will be at least 2 1/2 inches from the grill's top. Attach the handle to the grill by first drilling holes and then using the pop rivets.
11. Buy a floor return grill from the heating and air section of the hardware store.
12. Burn the paint off the grill in a fire.
13. Place the grill surface inside your keg grill.
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Reach out to people. Tailgating is a good way to meet people or get to know someone. So invite a co-worker, neighbor, teacher, mailman, dry-cleaner, server from your favorite restaurant or love interest to the tailgate. Try to invite someone new to each home game. By the way, if your love interest doesn't like sports, the relationship would never have worked anyway.

Advertise. I stole this idea from the Army vs. Navy game this past year in Baltimore. Get a helium balloon and attach it to the top of your car/truck. On the balloon, print the name of your tailgate. Yes, you can name your tailgate. Use a family name or just a made-up name. A local sign company can create and print the balloon for you. Attach the balloon with a very long string. Everyone will be able to find you. Take the balloon down when you start to run out of food or beer.

Find the band. Some college bands will play in a tailgating area before their march into the stadium. This is not only fun to be a part of, but it is also a good place to run into old friends. You may also find some recruits that need a good place to party. And guess what? You have one!

Bring a pet... only if someone is going to stay with the car, which is totally reasonable if that person has a portable TV and some company. I also like to listen to games on the radio. Be sure to bring a bowl for water and some doggy treats.

(My) Family Heirloom Recipes:

Dips

Amaretto Fruit Dip:

1 13 oz. jar of marshmallow cream
1 8 oz. package of cream cheese
Whip Together
Add Amaretto to taste
Mix
Refrigerate until use
Dip with fruits of choice — pineapple, bananas, apples, pears, mandarin oranges. Bring toothpicks. Pour into a plastic container or bag and transport to game in a cooler.



Pueblo Dip Ma'Sher

8 oz. soft cream cheese — let soften
8 oz. sour cream — let soften
1 package dry taco-seasoning mix
Combine ingredients and mix well with an electric blender
Refrigerate overnight
Before serving, garnish with taco sauce, grated cheddar cheese, chopped bell pepper, black olives, tomato, and cilantro. Serve with tortilla chips.

Shaw Family Spinach Dip

1 package of chopped spinach, thawed and well-drained
1/2 bell pepper, chopped
1 medium onion, chopped
1 small carton sour cream
1 package Knorr vegetable soup mix
1 cup grated sharp cheese
1 cup water chestnuts, diced
Combine ingredients and chill for at least 2 hours before serving.

Kim's Beer Cheese Dip:

1/2 cup beer
1 teaspoon cumin
1 teaspoon garlic powder (optional)
1 teaspoon oregano
1 can refried beans
1/2 cup hot salsa
16 oz. Velveeta
1/2 cup fresh cilantro or 2 tablespoons of dried cilantro
Bring beer and spices to simmer. Add beans & salsa until heated throughout. Cut cheese into 1/2" pieces and add to mixture. Cook and stir until melted, stir in cilantro.

Marinades & Main Dishes

On tailgate grills across the country, a person will likely find the old standards: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chicken and assorted beef. Here are a couple of Marinades to shake up those old traditionals.

Ashley's Chicken Marinade:

4 oz. soy sauce
5 oz. dry sherry
14 oz. pineapple juice
2 oz. red wine
3 oz. brown sugar
1 teaspoon garlic
Combine all ingredients and marinate overnight in the refrigerator.

Martha's Sirloin Marinade:

(The sirloin will melt in your mouth!)

3 tablespoons bourbon
4 oz. soy sauce
1 teaspoon dry mustard
1/2 cup water
3 tablespoons cider vinegar
Combine all ingredients and refrigerate overnight.



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Bill Burgers

(Bill never measures so I don't know the exact quantities.)

3 lbs. ground chuck or beef

Worcestershire sauce (approximately 7 dashes)

Yellow mustard (approximately 2 tablespoons)

Soy sauce (approximately 1 tablespoon)

A1 sauce (approximately 2 tablespoons)

1 egg

1 package Lipton onion soup mix

Prepare patties (wrap in bacon using toothpicks to secure — optional). Grill and serve.

Drinks

It is always a good idea to have plenty of water with you at any tailgate. On cool or downright cold game days, you will want to serve something warm like coffee, cocoa or cider. Or you can drink something that just makes you feel warm inside like bourbon.

On warm or hot game days, you will want something to cool you off like soft drinks, iced tea or beer. One of my favorite drinks has been a part of our family tailgates for over 50 years. Try it!

Nonni Juice

2 oz. sweetened instant tea with one cup of water

3 cans Sprite

2 cups orange juice

1 bottle Maraschino cherry syrup

1 large can pineapple juice

Serve over ice.

Nonni on the Beach

Same as above

Add Coconut Rum or Bourbon to your liking

Serve over ice.

*Please send your family heirloom recipes to
heather.hodde@athlonsports.com.*



Don't leave home without...

Sunglasses can definitely add a cool factor to your tailgating ensemble, contingent on one thing — you don't look ridiculous in them. I recommend Ralph Lauren, Bolle, and Fila.

For kids try Bolle's Cockatoo.

Shoes. Unless you are in a sorority or in drag, you must wear comfortable shoes. I strongly recommend the Merrel Jungle Moc. They are water-resistant and insanely comfortable. They are available at www.rei.com and other outdoor stores.

The Asolo Fusion 95 GTX will give you the boot height and support you won't get from the Moc. The boots are water-resistant and have Asoflex support shanks that give support but allow for flexibility. Plus they are really good looking! The boots are also available at www.rei.com and other camping stores.

For wet weather tailgating, slip on the old reliable L.L. Bean duck boots. The Gore-

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Jackets. For cooler weather, try anything Mountain Hard Wear. The Windshear Fleeces are great for "heavy duty wind-fighting warmth" according to www.mountainhardwear.com. We must remember to layer. So when it rains and snows add the Ethereal Shell/Three Layer Gore-Tex. They are light, durable, waterproof and dry quickly. There is no need to try anything else. You can order these at www.mountainhardwear.com. For simple lightweight early fall windbreakers, always trust the old reliable Land's End.

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Binoculars. You will look a little funny with binoculars hanging around your neck, but it sure is nice to have them in the stands. So get a compact pair. You can go with the high tech shock and water-resistant Canon 18x50 IS with an image stabilizer. The Minolta Compact II is lightweight and comes with a 25-year warranty. Then there is always the cheap option, the Tasco 8 X 21-mm compact black binoculars. Don't blame me for your headache.

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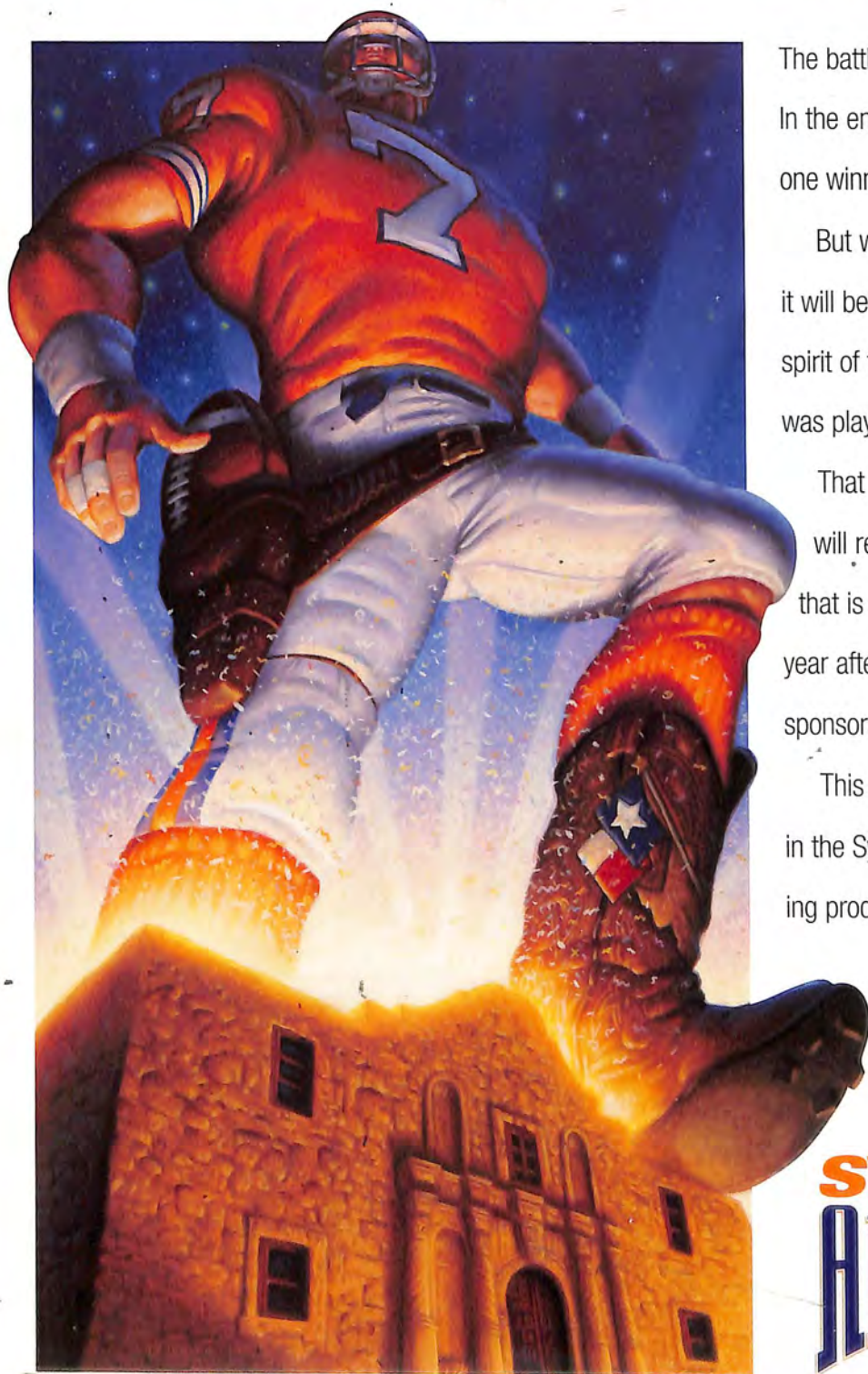
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Athlon Sports Complete Ranking – Game by Game

Well, here it is — the 2001 season at a glance. At Athlon, we're in the prognostication business, so we've endeavored to predict the outcome of each game. Below are the projected records that resulted from that exercise. You'll notice that we've hedged a bit by assigning certain games the "swing" designation (the third number in each record is the number of "swing" games). Fear not — when the season begins, we'll be predicting the outcome of the swing games each week. Just visit our website during each week of football season for our forecasts — www.athlonsports.com. And while you're there, weigh in with your predictions.

1. Florida	10-0-1	40. Wisconsin	5-3-4	79. Tulane	3-5-3
2. Nebraska	9-0-2	41. Fresno State	9-3-1	80. Utah State	5-4-2
3. Virginia Tech	10-0-1	42. Toledo	10-0-1	81. Wake Forest	0-8-3
4. Florida State	9-0-2	43. Texas A&M	5-4-2	82. Miami (Ohio)	5-4-3
5. Oklahoma	9-0-3	44. Boston College	5-3-3	83. Wash. State	0-8-3
6. Tennessee	9-1-1	45. Arkansas	3-5-3	84. Utah	3-5-3
7. Michigan	9-0-2	46. Western Michigan	8-2-1	85. California	0-9-2
8. Oregon	9-0-2	47. UTEP	9-1-2	86. Hawaii	3-6-3
9. Miami	8-0-3	48. Michigan State	5-4-2	87. Houston	3-7-1
10. UCLA	5-0-6	49. North Carolina	3-4-4	88. Baylor	2-8-1
11. Oregon State	8-0-3	50. Marshall	10-1-0	89. Northern Illinois	5-4-2
12. Kansas State	9-0-2	51. Penn State	2-5-4	90. Rutgers	2-6-3
13. Georgia Tech	9-1-2	52. Air Force	7-4-0	91. Duke	0-9-2
14. Notre Dame	8-1-2	53. UAB	7-3-1	92. Cincinnati	2-5-4
15. Texas	9-0-2	54. Ole Miss	4-4-3	93. Tulsa	3-5-3
16. Ohio State	9-0-2	55. Virginia	2-6-3	94. Middle Tenn.	6-3-2
17. Miss. State	8-1-2	56. Arizona State	3-6-2	95. North Texas	5-5-1
18. Northwestern	8-1-2	57. Iowa State	6-4-1	96. Ball State	5-5-1
19. LSU	7-2-2	58. Arizona	3-3-5	97. New Mexico	0-9-2
20. Clemson	7-1-3	59. West Virginia	4-6-1	98. SMU	0-6-5
21. Washington	7-0-4	60. Minnesota	2-8-1	99. Akron	2-6-3
22. Alabama	5-1-5	61. Maryland	4-4-3	100. Rice	0-6-6
23. Colorado State	7-0-4	62. San Jose State	5-4-3	101. Bowling Green	2-8-1
24. Purdue	6-2-3	63. Auburn	2-6-3	102. Army	1-8-2
25. Louisville	7-0-4	64. Missouri	3-5-3	103. Navy	0-8-3
26. Georgia	7-2-2	65. Vanderbilt	3-5-3	104. Nevada	0-8-3
27. Colorado	8-3-1	66. Iowa	3-7-1	105. Wyoming	1-9-1
28. Pittsburgh	7-3-1	67. Temple	3-7-1	106. Central Mich.	1-8-2
29. NC State	7-2-2	68. Boise State	6-2-4	107. New Mexico St.	1-8-3
30. Texas Tech	5-4-2	69. Oklahoma State	2-7-2	108. Buffalo	0-7-4
31. BYU	9-1-2	70. Memphis	5-5-1	109. Eastern Mich.	2-5-4
32. East Carolina	7-0-4	71. San Diego State	3-6-2	110. Louisiana Tech	0-8-3
33. South Carolina	4-3-4	72. TCU	5-5-1	111. UL-Monroe	1-6-4
34. Stanford	3-4-4	73. Idaho	6-2-3	112. UL-Lafayette	1-7-3
35. UNLV	6-1-4	74. Ohio	5-4-2	113. Connecticut	1-7-3
36. Illinois	5-2-4	75. Kentucky	1-8-2	114. Arkansas State	2-7-2
37. Southern Miss	7-1-3	76. Central Florida	3-5-3	115. South Florida	3-7-1
38. Syracuse	5-4-2	77. Kansas	2-8-1	116. Kent State	1-9-1
39. USC	3-5-3	78. Indiana	0-9-2	117. Troy State	5-5-1

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